**SUPPLIES FOR PUPPY**

**HAIR**

SHAMPOO-TRESEMME SHAMPOO DEEP CLEANER

CONDITIONER-COLOR ME HAPPY HERBAL ESSENCES

DILUTE THESE 10:1 WATER TO PRODUCT

BRUSH HAIR DAILY AND USE PANTENE MOISTURE SMOOTH

DILUTE THIS AT LEAST 10:1 OR MORE

BRUSH-SOFT PIN BRUSH PAWMARKS.COM

COMB-METAL PAWMARKS.COM

BAND SISSORS PAWMARKS.COM

HAIR BANDS-LIGHTWEIGHT BANDS FROM PAWMARKS.COM

DRY USING A GOOD QUALITY HAIR DRYER ON A LOW HEAT SETTING

AT ONE POINT AND TIME ALL THESE GUYS WILL HAVE MATS. CORNSTARCH WILL HELP LOOSEN THE MATS. YOU CAN ALSO USE YOUR DAILY SPRAY TO HELP LOOSEN THEM.

**EYES**

CLEAN EYES DAILY. IF STAINING IS BAD, CAN USE CONTACT SOLUTION ON A COTTON BALL, TYLAN POWDER FOR A LIMITED TIME(VET SCRIPT ONLY), A CLEANING PRODUCT CALLED SHOW OFF, A SPLASH OF APPLE CIDER VINEGAR IN THE WATER. IF THEY ARE STAINING BE SURE YOU ARE USING A CERAMIC OR STEEL BOWL FOR BOTH FOOD AND WATER, **FILTERED WATER (NOT DISTILLED WATER OR TAP WATER)** , A GOOD QUALITY DOG FOOD THAT IS GRAIN FREE AND CHICKEN FREE. WE USE ROYAL CANIN BOTH WET AND DRY. GOOD QUALITY SNACKS SUCH AS BIL-JACS SOFT TREATS LIVER. **NO GREENIES OR JERKY EVER!!**

**SUN**

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE LITTLE ONES SUNBURN VERY EASY! USE SUNSCREEN ON THEIR PARTS TO HELP PREVENT THIS. THE SUN WILL KEEP THEIR PIGMENT BLACK.

**EARS**

PLUCK EARS BEFORE BATH TIME. USE TWEEZERS AND PULL OUT THE EXTRA HAIR INSIDE THE EARS. YOU CAN USE POWDER FROM THE PET STORE, BUT I HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO PLUCK THE EAR HAIR. THIS WILL HELP PREVENT EAR INFECTIONS FROM THE BATH.

**TEETH**

MALTESE ARE KNOWN FOR RETAINING THEIR BABY TEETH. YOU HAVE TO KEEP WATCHING THEIR MOUTHS AND MAKE SURE THEY DO NOT HAVE DOUBLE TEETH. IT IS VERY HARD TO SEE THE BACK TEETH, SO PLEASE HAVE YOUR VET CHECK WHEN THEY ARE GETTING THE REST OF THEIR PUPPY SHOTS. USUALLY BY 5-6 MONTHS THEY WILL HAVE ALL THE DOUBLES THEY WILL HAVE. THE VET NEEDS TO PULL THE EXTRA TEETH! IF YOU LEAVE THEM IN IT WILL MESS THEIR BITES UP FOR THEIR LIFETIME. ALL MY MALTESE HAVE HAD AT LEAST 1 PULLED, AND THE MOST I HAVE HAD IS 13 DOUBLES! THE VET GIVES THEM A LITTLE GAS AND THEY ARE FINE WHEN THEY COME HOME. NO RESTRICTIONS AND THEY EAT FINE THAT NIGHT.

**NAILS**

KEEP NAILS TRIMMED BACK. I USE CAT TOENAIL CLIPPERS AS THEY GET OLDER. I START THE PUPPIES WITH TINY HUMAN TOENAIL CLIPPERS. IT IS EASY TO CUT TOO FAR BACK, AND THEY WILL BLEED QUITE A BIT. THERE IS A STOP QUICK PRODUCT YOU CAN GET AT PETCO/PETSMART TO STOP THE BLEEDING QUICKLY. ALSO JUST APPLY PRESSURE TO THE NAIL.

**LEASH**

THERE ARE A COUPLE OF CHOICES HERE. I THINK THE HARNESS IS A GOOD WAY TO GO. IF YOU USE A REGULAR LEASH, PLEASE BE CAREFUL NOT TO PULL HARD ON THEIR THROATS AS IT COULD BE VERY HARD ON THEIR TRACHEA. IF YOU PUT CLOTHES ON YOUR BABY, MANY COME WITH A HARNESS LOOP THAT YOU CAN ATTACH YOUR LEASH TOO.

**TOYS**

WE HAVE SOFT TOYS. THEY LOVE TO RIP THE SQUEEKERS OUT OF THEM. WHEN THE STUFFING STARTS COMING OUT IT IS TIME FOR THEM TO GO. I DON’T USE ANY HARD TOYS SUCH AS KONGS OR RUBBER TOYS. I DO LIKE THE PUZZLE TOYS THAT YOU PUT SNACKS IN, BECAUSE MALTESE ARE VERY SMART.

**POTTY**

THIS TAKES A LOT OF TIME AND PATIENCE WITH THESE LITTLE GUYS. AT OUR HOUSE WE USE WASHABLE PADS AND THEY HAVE ACCESS TO DOGGIE GRASS. THEY FOLLOW THE OLDER DOGS AT MY HOUSE AND YOU WILL HAVE TO REMIND THEM WHERE YOU WANT THEM TO GO FREQUENTLY. I RECOMMEND THAT IN THEIR PENS YOU HAVE AN AREA FOR THEM TO POTTY. MAKE IT SEPARATE FROM THEIR BED AND FOOD. IN OTHER WORDS, DO NOT COVER THE WHOLE PEN WITH THE PAD. THEN PUT PADS IN AREAS THAT YOU WANT THEM TO POTTY AT. TOY DOGS SEEM TO TAKE AWHILE TO TRAIN. TRY TO BE CONSISTANT AND PATIENT.

AT OUR HOUSE WE LEAVE THE RADIO ON IN THE AREA WHERE THEY SLEEP.

**FOOD**

WE FEED ROYAL CANIN BOTH WET AND DRY. MY SUGGESTION IS THAT YOU USE THE PUPPY CANNED APPETITE STIMULANT (SEE THE CAN FOR AGE RECOMMENDATIONS) AND THE TOY PUPPY FOOD UNTIL THEY ARE 1 YEAR OLD. THERE IS ALSO A CANNED FOOD TO SWITCH THEM TO WHEN THEY ARE 10-15 MONTHS OLD. IT IS STILL A PUPPY FOOD. WE USE BIL JAC SOFT TREATS WITH LIVER AND SOME OTHER SMALL SOFT TREATS. THEY LIKE GREEN BEANS TOO! PLEASE DON’T GIVE YOUR BABIES MILK BONES, GREENIES, ANY KIND OF JERKY, OR ANYTHING HARD. THEY CHOKE VERY EASILY.

**STEPS**

YOU SHOULD CONSIDER GETTING PET STEPS FOR YOUR FURNITURE. THESE GUYS CAN MESS THEIR KNEES UP PRETTY EASY. BED, BATH, AND BEYOND ACTUALLY CARRY A GOOD SET OF PET STAIRS. THERE ARE MANY OTHERS ON THE MARKET AS WELL. I DO NOT RECOMMEND THE WOOD ONES, BECAUSE THE MALTESE SEEM TO LIKE TO CHEW ON THEM. ALL OF OUR PUPPIES LEARN TO DO OUR FURNITURE STEPS, SO IT WON’T BE A PROBLEM FOR YOU.

LASTLY, WE WANT YOU TO HAVE A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE WITH YOUR BABY. IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY TROUBLE, PLEASE REACH OUT TO US! WE WILL ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE TO YOU FOR HELP! FOR THOSE OF YOU IN COLORADO, YOU ALWAYS HAVE A PET SITTER ☺!!!