



## **Puppy Information, Helpful Hints, and New Puppy Check List**

### **PUPPY INFORMATION**

After you have been approved and interviewed and the time comes to purchase a Pheasant Hollow Puppy the following guideline's will apply:

Prior to releasing our babies to their new families, our puppies are given a well check by our veterinarian at 8 weeks. Our Veterinarian of 40 years comes to our home to lower the incidence of exposure to other sick animals. An auscultation is done to all of our puppies hearts during their wellness exam. A stool sample is done at that time to assure our new families that their puppy is most likely parasite/worm free. Revolution is applied to our puppies, to ensure their first month of preventative heart-worm and flea/tick care. If any murmurs, congenital issues or sickness is detected we are advised at that time. This may delay the time that your pup can leave.

Our puppies go to their new homes between 8-12 weeks of age. At that time they will have one to two sets of shots according to their ages.

Routinely we give a 5 way puppy booster which includes Parvo, Distemper, Parainfluenza, Corona, and Hepatitis ( NO LEPTO is given until 1 year of age). Bordetella, Lyme, and Canine Influenza will be given at your own vet's discretion according to your area and puppies needs. Bordetella ( Kennel Cough) is strongly recommended if your puppy will be attending doggie daycare, obedience classes, vets, groomers, or will be boarded in a kennel, visit dog parks or will be at dog shows. We use the intranasal Bordetella vaccine on our own personal dogs. Rabies will be done by your vet at 16 weeks of age or up and micro chipping is mandatory at 6 months.

The puppies are wormed at 2, 3, 4, 5 weeks of age with Nemex and week 7 with Panacur  
We also do a preventative round of Albon for 10 days on all of our pups to prevent coccidea, which can be present even on the most immaculate breeder's grounds during certain times of the year.

We require you to make a vet appointment with your own vet to double check your puppy's heart and to reexamine your pup. This must be done within 5 days of purchase. If any shots are due we advise they are done on the second vet visit to give your puppy time to settle in. Your 2 year warranty will then be in effect. If an issue is found, we MUST be notified IMMEDIATELY to discuss whether the puppy should be returned and replaced. We must at least document any and all findings.

Puppies will receive a professional bath from our groomers, nail clipping ,ear cleaning and a seasonal bandanna on the day that they go to their new home. Ears will not be cropped unless it is a show puppy and prior arrangements are made. We do not recommend pet puppies get ear crops. It is a lot of work and a large expense and discomfort to a dog that will be just be a pet.

We send all of our babies home with a toy that has the smell of its litter mates, a Pro Plan puppy packet, a sample of food and instructions, all valuable health information, pedigree, information about the Boxer, your contract and a 2 year congenital guarantee for your puppy. In addition, we include hard copy heath testing results from a board certified cardiologist on both parents and a 3 generation longevity chart, if requested.

We do our best to be responsible Boxers breeders. We are AKC Breeders Of Merit with an excellent reputation and we will ALWAYS stand behind our dogs.

Puppy check list (you will need the following items):

1. A wire fold down crate 36" for female, 42" for a male. The crate must be partitioned until the pup grows into the crate. Most of our pups are crate trained upon leaving.
2. Toys for chewing - no raw-hides - training treats- chew toys for teething babies e.g. .Nylabone and dog cookies

3. A large baby stuffed animal for the pup to lay on as a sibling "or" we sell snuggle puppies that have a heart beat and are warm to put in with your new baby.
4. Flat soft nylon collar with ID on it, and a leash. Even though pup is not leash trained yet, you will need a leash to start the process.
5. Crate pad for the pup to sleep on
6. Pee Pee pads
7. Breeder will recommend brand of dry puppy food and supply a small sample, canned for taste, yogurt, and cottage cheese
8. Pet bed for family area
9. 2 pet food bowls - breeder recommends stainless steel or copper bowls - 2 quart size - raised bowls are advised to prevent bloat when dog reaches 6 months of age
10. Pet sweater if it is winter. Boxers have short hair and do not like the cold.
11. List of questions
12. Make vet appointment

### **Helpful Hints:**

1. When house breaking your puppy always take him/her to the same spot to potty and make a big deal and praise when he/she goes.
2. Carry puppy out first thing in the a.m. and take him/her out every few hours and directly after eating, and just before bed at night. Reward your pet with a treat when he or she does as you wish. Boxers love to please their owners. We find they like wooded areas to eliminate, but be careful of ticks. Keep their crate area a bit on the smaller size. Most boxers will not soil where they sleep. They are overall a very clean breed.
3. Boxers require a lot of exercise. You need to devote at least an hour a day to take a long walk or run with your dog. Two Boxers will occupy each other, that's why they say they are like potato chips, you can't have just one. Our dogs occupy each other all day but they still like a lot of lap time at night. They are loving and need a lot of human interaction.
4. Boxers can not take the extreme heat or cold so always keep him warm in the winter and very cool in the summer. Air conditioning is important for a Boxer who is a short nosed breed and can suffer easily from heat stroke.
5. It is my personal belief that over vaccination, as well as topical poisons and environmental issues contribute to the high cancer rate in dogs. I use all natural flea and tick remedies and topical aromatherapy oils for flea control. Sometimes you must resort to Front Line in a heavily infested area due to the horrible repercussions from Lymes disease. We sell many alternative and safe topical products and shampoos for Boxers for fleas and ticks to try to cut down on chemicals. It is worth starting there and moving to more drastic measures only if needed. We also titer our dogs after 2 years of vaccinations and watch the levels in their blood as not to over vaccinate our dogs.
6. Boxers must be socialized with other dogs at a very young age in order to have a social Boxer. They are a bull breed and are not always good with other dogs. It is important that you and your Boxer puppy start young socializing with other dogs, and there still is not a guarantee your Boxer will always be good with strange dogs. They are protective over their owners. Spaying and neutering will help keep temperaments more docile as well. I highly recommend doggie daycare a few days a week. We run a daycare here and the dogs that come are always the best adults.
7. Boxers can be bathed 1 time per month if you are using a good pH balanced shampoo and moisturizing conditioner. We follow up with a deep shine spray that adds sheen and moisture as well. Your puppy should have his nails cut or Dremmeled one time per week for his whole life and you must start this at a young age. We use a Dremmel on 8 week pups and do their nails 1 x per week. We play and massage their feet as well so they are used to it. We also shave their whiskers and bathe them frequently so they enjoy their spa time. Our massage oils are made with aromatherapy and our dogs love it. All of our Boxer friendly spa treatments are available in our store. I have spent many years researching the best products for Boxers, both show or pet. It is nice to have a good smelling dog with nice short nails!
8. Your new puppy shouldn't go anywhere until he/she is up-to-date on all 3 series of his/her shots and protected from

heartworm and fleas/ticks. Usually puppies are between 16 and 18 weeks when all the shots are up-to-date. Even though it is tempting to take your cute new puppy to the dog park or Pet Smart to show him/her off, it is very dangerous for your puppy. His immune system is no longer protected by his mother's and he will be very vulnerable to pick up airborne diseases. Parvo and Bordetella are airborne and your pup will not have the immunity to fight off a severe infection and you could lose him/her. Young puppies or elderly dogs are the most likely to perish if they get a bad virus. Visiting guests should sanitize their hands, take off their shoes and keep their own pets at home until your puppy is protected. After you are up-to-date on all vaccines you are ready to let your puppy start his fun filled social life.

9. If at anytime you or someone you know has a Pheasant Hollow puppy that can not be kept any longer, the puppy can always be returned to us at any time day or night with no questions asked. No Pheasant Hollow puppy will ever end up in a shelter. We make the commitment to be responsible for our babies well being for their entire life. Breeding Boxers is our lifetime commitment and hobby and the choices we make to bring these beautiful babies into the world are backed up by our willingness to always take one of our own back. We also do rescue for those Boxers less fortunate than our dogs and if you know of someone that needs to place a Boxer, prior to putting him/her in a shelter, feel free to call us. Perhaps we can help. Our doors are always open to a Boxer in need whether they are ours or not. The American Boxer Charitable Foundation, as well as local Boxer rescues, can always use donations to keep them moving forward. Please feel free to call us if you are interested in making a donation in tribute to a lost beloved Boxer or just to help out. Health research is funded solely by the Boxer lovers and fanciers of this world and are non-profit in nature. I know many rescues that can simply use blankets, food, bedding, etc.

### **Feeding:**

Always start by feeding your Boxer a good quality dry dog food/kibbles. You will pay now or pay later! We feed our puppies 3x per day until 6 months and then 2x per day throughout their life time. For many years we fed our dogs Pro Plan dog food and had beautiful coats and stools but after researching into health and going to [www.dogfoodanalysis.com](http://www.dogfoodanalysis.com) our eyes were wide open. We are doing a 6 month trial and research for my book and I will report back on our findings, as well as the effect of a grain free diet on coat quality, stool quality and over all health. Some of the foods we like are Wilderness Salmon, Grain Free Blue Buffalo, Taste of the Wild Grain Free, Innova Evo Grain Free, Orijen Grain Free, and Evangers Grain Free. Many breeders also feed raw which is suppose to be excellent but with 7 dogs I just can not do it. I will be selling Evangers in my store and will pass on my savings to any of my puppy families as well as fellow breeders.

We recommend our pups eat 3x per day approx 1 and 1/2 cups of dry food soaked in warm water with a mixture of a home made additive (will explain later ) or a tablespoon or 2 of a good canned food like Merrick, Evangers, BG or Triumph canned food. We add additional items to our Boxer's food from birth to help supplement and feed a healthy heart. It is proven that a primal diet low in grain with a reduced caloric intake from carbohydrates, plus heavy supplementing with very high amounts of antioxidants and other herbal supplements can change a heart that could be predisposed to cardio into a normal heart. This type of diet can also help in preventing cancer cells from metastasizing. We here at Pheasant Hollow feed this way and we highly recommend that all Boxers are fed and supplemented this way. The Boxer which is a flawed breed, is effected very often by these diseases, even if they are bred well, they usually die of cancer or cardio issues young or old. We feel it is worth trying anything that will keep our beloved friends with us that much longer. All we can do is try to prevent future heart ache. My friend and scientist John Donahue, who has a 15 yr old Boxer, has given me the following prodigal to try for a longer life span. He has also enlightened me with some very exciting research that is almost ground breaking about the mother's contribution to the whole litter as far as a mitochondrial cell transfer, which contributes to cardiac issues. Soon we will have more and more productive testing to help reputable Boxer breeders breed out these terrible congenital diseases in the Boxer, and their life span will begin to be longer, hopefully. The vitamin artemissen as well as the vitamin B-17, amygdalin made from apricot seeds is also coming very close to being used to treat cancers and cardio in dogs. We are hopeful that supplementation will be the key to longer life expectancy, along with conventional drugs.

Our home made recipe in replacement of canned food recipe will make about four 1 gallon bags.

1. 10 pounds chicken thighs, legs, or whole chicken cut up, 10 pounds or chopped meat 90 percent lean, or turkey for a change. Cooked retain a bit of stock, skimmed.
2. 1- 2 pound package of beef hearts or beef liver alternate
3. Fresh sweet potatoes, limited amount 8-10
4. Blueberries 1 quart ,cranberries, apples,

5. 1 can pumpkin unsweetened
6. 8 cooked eggs
7. Carrots, green beans , broccoli, celery, cabbage, any veggies except for corn, mushrooms, onions or grapes.
8. Sunflower seeds - 1 cup
9. Garlic, a few cloves
10. Pecans crushed
11. Ginger root
12. Parsley, kelp, alfalfa
13. Turmeric - 1 tsp start lightly some dogs do not like the taste. It is available in pill form as well

Add these items on top of kibble and meat mixture in bowl prior to serving:

1. Cold pressed flax seed oil found in refrigerated section of health food store (only)
  2. Krill oil
  3. Omega 3, salmon oil for switch, grapeseed oil, antioxidants should be switched up as well as probiotics so body does not get immune to them
  4. Raw organic extra virgin coconut oil - 1 tablespoon
  5. Yogurt with fat
- Cook meat and veggies, fruit, sweet potatoes, garlic, cranberries, apples, and cabbage in a stock pot with a bit of water, covered, no salt...
  - Cook eggs and de-shell
  - Take meat off bone, shred up
  - Add canned pumpkin
  - Drain - mix all ingredients with a small amount of stock, add all together, eggs, meat, veggies, etc. - freeze per portion.

We put all different meats in different bags and freeze it and then we mix it up each feeding for variety.

Add probiotics either by Pro Plan Flora Fauna, Nature's Pharmacy, or from a health food store, preferably in refrigerated section for live culture, on top of food bowl. Mix kibble and homemade mixture that has been warmed up, add antioxidant oils - flax, coconut, etc. in bowl with kibble and meat mixture.

We also supplement all of our male dogs with saw palmetto, and cranberry. We add apple cider vinegar in all of our dog's water, as well as give Ester C and Nu Pro daily to all of our dogs.

We are adding an excellent, reasonably priced and very large variety of supplements , vitamins and antioxidants to our store so they will be available to you if you are going to try this diet. We are also adding a complete, all natural line of products from flea and tick preventative to shampoos and sprays, and food. If you are a breeder, I can work on volume discounts. Just give me a call.

As a Boxer lover, breeder and enthusiast it is my goal to educate those of you who are looking to find a boxer puppy. I am in a personal war with the puppy mills of this country. These puppy mills are destroying our breed, shortening their life span and abusing Boxer mothers who are bred 6 times or more, kept in horrific conditions and then destroyed . Every time a puppy is bought from a puppy mill it continues to fund this abuse and neglect. You are under no commitment to buy from us, however we would be more than happy to help you connect with a good reputable breeder who health tests and does the right thing by the breed. A breeder who is not looking to make money by breeding, but to improve the health, longevity and temperament of the Boxer. Great breeders breed for the love of the breed itself. We are located in Wallkill, New York. We are AKC Breeders of Merit, members of the New York Boxer Club, Western NY Boxer Club and Upstate NY Boxer Club, as well as the American Boxer Club and the American Boxer Charitable Health Foundation. We welcome you to come by and visit and just stay a while and learn about the breed we love so much. Feel free to call and ask any questions you would like so we can guide you to the right source and prevent your heart from being broken by buying a puppy from the wrong person! Thank you for taking the time to visit us and have a great day!

Kerry Jones and family