



We are excited for you to welcome your new Dusklan Border Terrier puppy! The next few months are going to be critical for your puppy's training, bonding, and development! Below please find helpful information regarding care, training, and supplies to get you started on the right paw!

FECAL AND DEWORMING

All puppies are born with worms worms, which is why it is important to de-worm your puppy regularly and prevent further infestation. Your puppy has been dewormed THREE TIMRD prior to leaving. *You will need to ensure a potential fourth deworming based on your veterinarians recommendation, and give monthly preventative.*

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FLEA AND TICK

Your pet will need to be on regular flea and tick prevention. Products range from collars, to pills, to topical treatments. For show dogs, we recommend a pill or topical so the collar does not potentially cause coat damage. Please consult your veterinarian for recommended protocols for your area.

HEARTWORM

Like flea and tick products, there are multiple heart worm products on the market to prevent the infestation of heart worms, and a variety of other worms. Some products are a complete preventative that offers broad spectrum coverage, whereas some only cover certain species. Consult with your vet for the best product for your needs and health care plan.

VACCINES

Your puppy will have received *it's first DISTEMPER/PARVO vaccine prior to leaving*. Your puppy will need to follow up with your veterinarian for boosters. Commonly, a total of 3-4 DHPP vaccines are given to complete immunization, however please consult with your vet, as protocols may vary based on manufacturer and vet protocols.

Core vaccines your puppy will need:

- Distemper/Parvo (DHPP)
- Rabies Vaccine

Additional vaccines recommended

- Lepto / Leptospirosis (always give separately not with distemper combo)
- Kennel Cough (does not cover all variants, but gives protection against common strains)
- Canine Influenza (recommended for dogs that travel or go to shows)
- Lyme Vaccine (recommended in wooded areas, and high risk areas, but discuss preventative options with your vet)

YOUR PUPPY'S FIRST DISTEMPER COMBO WAS GIVEN TBD.

HEALTH TESTING

All dogs on a show and/or breeding contract are required to conduct health testing for genetic and potentially inherited conditions including:

- SLEM analysis
- Patella Luxation
- OFA eye exam
- PennHip or OFA Hip assessment
- Cardiac exam by cardiologist

Some breed clubs and dog shows offer health testing at a discounted rate. Alternatively, some specialty clinics will offer discounted testing events where breeders from around the region will get their dogs screened. When inquiring with veterinary practices, make sure to ask if they offer OFA health testing and *if they are experienced with positioning for X-rays*. Not all clinics are equipped to offer these services - and that's ok. Your regular vet and health testing vet CAN be two separate entities.

SPAYING & NEUTERING

When your puppy is over 12 months of age, pets may get neutered or spayed. Once we receive proof of spay or neuter, papers for your puppy can be transferred from co-ownership to sole ownership of the buyer. Please consult your contract for show/breeding prospects regarding altering protocols.

FOOD

Our puppies are weaned from their mother onto Instinct Frozen Raw Bites. It has been our experiences that puppies eating raw produce less potent stool, produce less stool overall, and have great body condition. At 6-7 weeks of age we begin introducing Instinct kibble to the pups.

Your puppy will go home with a small bag of the Instinct kibble - soak the food in warm water for about 30 mins so your puppy can more easily swallow the food. We recommend feeding roughly 1/3 cup 3 times a day until 16 weeks of age.

We support owners feeding any quality kibble, canned, or raw (named ingredients, no animal food byproduct, no food color).

If you decide to switch food types / brands, please do so carefully and slowly. You will want to continue with the Instinct initially and slowly transition over the course of a week:

Day 1-2: 75% old food / 25% new food
Day 3-4: 50% old food / 50% new food
Day 5-6: 25% old food / 75% new food
Day 7: 100% New Food

The Instinct Raw Bites are frozen and must be de-thawed before feeding. I usually defrost the puppy food in a ceramic bowl in the microwave. I have found that all protein varieties of the frozen food are of equal value. This product can be ordered on [chewy.com](https://www.chewy.com) or purchased at Petco and Petsmart. As an alternative, the Raw Boost Kibble is easily available at Petco and Petsmart as well. The Original formula is the same as the Boost kibble, it just does not contain the dehydrated pieces, but has a more budget friendly price point. It is not available in stores, but can be purchased online. This is what we transition all our adult dogs onto and have on autoship.



Instinct Frozen Raw Bites



Instinct Raw Boost Kibble + Dehydrated Raw



Instinct Original Kibble

GROOMING

Grooming your puppy will ensure it keeps good skin and coat. Border Terriers do **not** require frequent bathing (actually, it is best to only bathe them once quarterly, if that - as their skin and coats are designed to be in the elements and may lose skin health and texture if shampoos are used too often). We recommend using **Tropiclean** shampoo products - the puppy formula works just fine!

You will also need a couple of basic tools to maintain your dog's coat including:

- Stripping knives! We LOVE the **Retro knife set from Groomer DK (red and blue)** these can be purchased online at www.groomerdk.store
- Comb to run through any tangles in their beard - luckily it's a short beard!
- **BASS** bristle brush to help hair lay flat and to distribute oils in coat (can buy on Amazon, Cherrybrook, or Chewy)



GROOMER DK RETRO KNIVES



BASS BRISTLE BRUSH



METAL COMB

It helps to also have a grooming table, pumice stone (for ears), and thinner sheers if you are planning to show your puppy. We always use a DREMEL with a Diamagroove attachment when trimming nails - but a regular nail clipper can do just fine.



DREMEL TOOL



DIAMAGROOVE BIT



GROOMING TABLE

TRAINING

We highly encourage owners to enroll in a puppy class, group obedience/manners class, or with a private trainer. Training helps you bond with your puppy, provides opportunities for socialization, and ensures your little Terrier remains a good companion through adulthood. We also ask that you complete your dog's **AKC CANINE GOOD CITIZEN test by 2 years of age**. We are always here to provide support and help guide you in the right direction.

EXERCISE

Puppy bones are not fully developed until full maturity, which is usually between 12-18 months of age for a Border Terrier. Excessive and extraneous exercise or activity including running, jumping, and twisting can cause unnecessary wear and tare on developing bones. *Keep walks and strenuous exercise short, avoid high impact, and ensure to prevent repetitive movements until your pet is fully grown.* There are LOADS of resources online on the effects of excessive exercise on growth plates, bone density, and development.

Obesity in puppies can also prevent bones from properly re-aligning as your pup matures. It is critical to keep your dog in healthy condition for their quality of life and longevity.

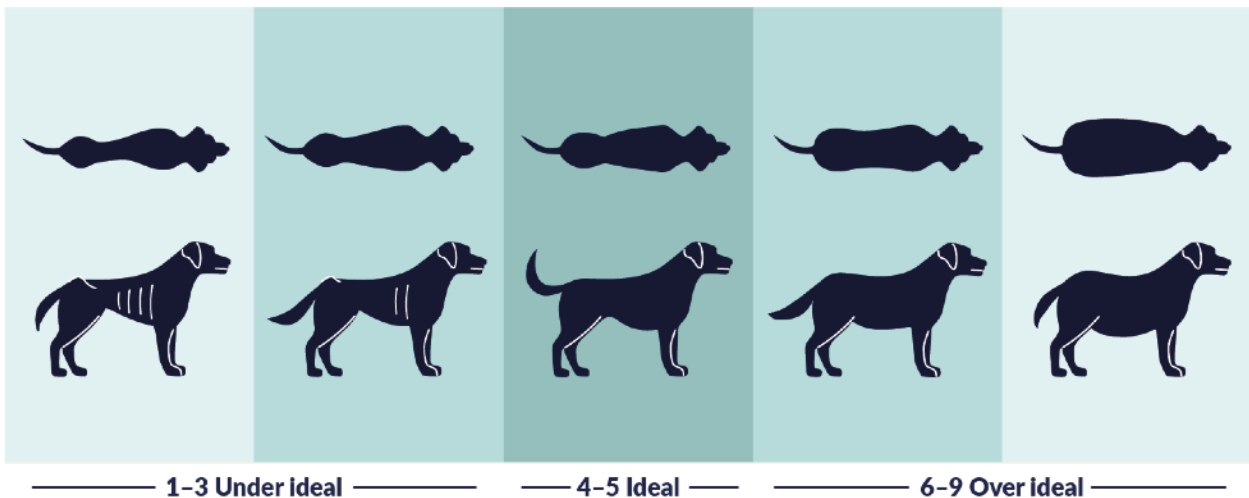


PUPPY BONE XRAY

Puppy bones take time to securely grow together and lock into place. It's critical to keep your dog from high impact and too much exercise.

BODY CONDITION SCORE

The ideal body condition has good coverage over the ribs but a definite waist. Your pup may experience fluctuations based on their growth.



THE FIRST FEW DAYS AT HOME ...

This is a big change and adjustment for your pup, keep things simple, slow, and take your time. It is not unsurprising if your puppy gets overwhelmed or takes some time to adapt. *Everything* is new to them! The main goals after bringing your puppy home are:

- Establish a routine (feeding, toilet training, handling, play)
- Create positive associations to the crate
- Familiarize them with the sights and sounds of your surroundings
- Allow family members to interact, one at a time
- Only introduce dogs who have GOOD body language and social skills

Everyone is super excited to welcome their new pup home! HOWEVER! Do not allow your pup to become overwhelmed, crowded, or over-stimulated. Allow your pup to spend a few days adjusting to home life, then welcome visitors in small groups, spaced out. Build on foundation skills such as name recognition, toilet training cues, and handling before introducing exciting situations - your dog needs to bond and trust you before challenges!

A few things to consider while you integrate your pup into the home:

- Introduce new dogs one at a time and use good management when unsupervised
- Only allow your pup out of confinement when they have been potty, and when you can directly supervise them. We often tether our puppy with a chew toy in whichever room we are in - this way they can hang out, pacify on appropriate chew toys, and we can observe any potty needs
- Make sure your home is puppy-proof ... keep shoes and socks off the floor, make sure electrical cords are out of reach, block off staircases or other hazardous areas, and ensure you limit activity to 1 room at a time until you have established a good toilet training routine.

Your puppy has already been exposed to confinement in their travel tote, and a crate. It is not unusual for puppies to cry initially when confined as they have experienced a great change. We recommend using an exercise pen with a pee pad or a piece of artificial turf as a long term confinement area, and use the crate intermittently to build security alone and establish good toilet training habits. Please refer to our puppy training manual for more tips! We also recommend Ian Dunbar's Book "After Getting Your Puppy" available (in EBOOK for Free!) at: <https://www.dogstardaily.com/storefront/after-you-get-your-puppy>

COMMUNICATION

We love hearing about your puppy, how they are doing, and what they are up to! Please feel free to send me updates and share photos by phone: 540-551-0736 or email: dusklanfarm@gmail.com.

I am also available should you have any questions or concerns regarding your new pup! We are happy to advise on training, health, grooming, and more!

Welcome to your Duskland Pup!