FREE MINI-GUIDE · FOR PUPPIES 8 TO 16 WEEKS OLD

The First Night Puppy Guide

Your first evening, first night and potty trips, plus when to call the vet.

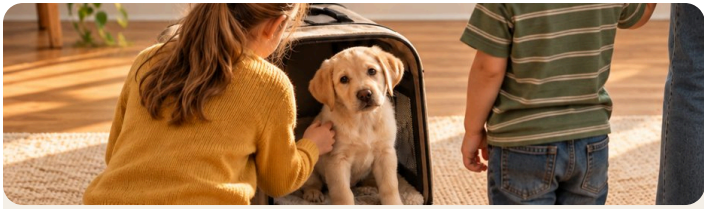


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Your first evening



BISCUIT · 10 WEEKS OLD

Biscuit came home in a soft carrier and peed on the doormat within a minute. Ava, 7, wanted to hold him. Leo, 5, wanted to show him every toy he owns.

Your first evening

1. **Carrier straight to his potty spot.**
   Praise him right at the spot.
2. **The kids say hi one at a time, sitting on the floor.**
3. **Let him nap in a quiet crate or pen.**
4. **Dinner, then straight outside.**
   He needs to go after eating, naps and play.
5. **Crate by your bed for the night.**

Biscuit and his family are invented. The advice comes from vets, animal welfare groups and pediatricians.

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The first night

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Keep him close and keep night trips boring. Full nights come later.





BISCUIT THINKS

If I cry tonight, it's not you. Everything smells new, and the dark is very big. I'll get it, I promise.

How often will he wake? Some 2-month-olds need a trip out every 2 hours. Others sleep about 7 hours. Expect at least one trip tonight, then let him tell you when he needs the next one.

If he cries: wait a moment. If he keeps crying, take him out on the leash, then straight back to bed. No play, no fuss.

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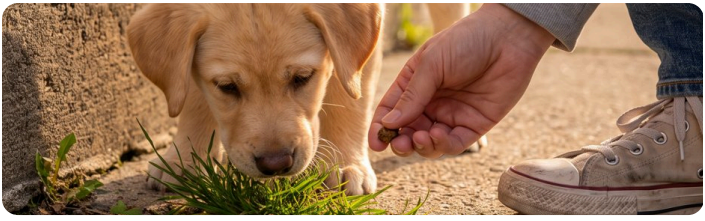
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PART 3 · DAILY RHYTHM

Potty training without punishment

> WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
>
> **Get him out before he has to go, and reward him the second he does.**



When to take him out

When he wakes up. After every meal, drink and play session. Every 1 to 2 hours while he's awake. Last thing before bed. That's 8 to 10 trips a day at this age, sometimes more.

At the spot

1. **Same door, same spot, every time.**
2. **Stand quietly and wait.**
   Play and walks come after he goes.
3. **Treat the second he finishes.**
   Reward him at the spot, while you're still standing there.

4 Add a cue word.
Say "go potty" only while he's actually going.

Accidents will happen

DO

- ✓ If you catch him mid-pee, clap once, then carry him to his spot.
- ✓ Clean with an enzyme cleaner.
- ✓ Can't watch him? Crate or pen.

DON'T

- ✗ Scold or punish him.
- ✗ Rub his nose in it.
- ✗ Leave him alone in the yard. You'll miss the moment to praise him.



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When to call the vet

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

When in doubt, call. Puppies get dehydrated fast.

This page helps you decide when to call. Your vet diagnoses.

Call your vet or an emergency clinic now

- Trouble breathing
- Collapse, or a seizure that lasts over 5 minutes or keeps coming back
- Swollen face or hives
- Swollen belly and retching with nothing coming up
- Vomiting or diarrhea with blood, or with no appetite and low energy
- He ate something toxic, or swallowed a sock, toy or string

Call your vet today

- Vomiting or loose stool, even once, in a puppy who seems fine otherwise
- Much sleepier or more sluggish than usual
- Any seizure, even a short one that stops on its own
- Fear of new things that isn't fading after a few calm tries

Normal. Mention it at the next visit

- A little blood on a chew toy while baby teeth fall out
- Sleeping most of the day
- Mouthing during play
- An accident now and then

Vaccines: your vet sets the schedule. Usually shots start at 6 to 8 weeks, with boosters every 2 to 4 weeks until about 16 to 20 weeks. Until then parvo is a real risk, hence the "carry him" rule.



BISCUIT THINKS

If I seem off, please call someone. I can't tell you where it hurts.

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PART 5 · YOUR NEXT STEP

Ready for weeks 2 to 8?

You just got through the first evening, the first night, potty trips and the vet list. The rest of the first two months is in **The 8-Week Puppy Plan**: one focus per week, biting and teething, three trust games, how kids and puppy meet, and the socialization checklist.

The 8-Week Puppy Plan is $19. With code **PUPPY30** it's **$13**. Tap the link, then type PUPPY30 in the promo code box at checkout.

puppyplan.s.gy/mini

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