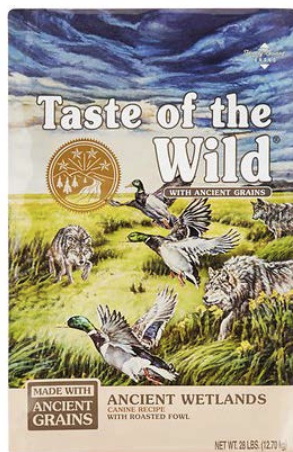


It is time that you prep for your puppy. We are in our last weeks of puppy planning. We have put together a list of shopping supplies the you might want to put together for your baby.

### **What do we feed our puppy??**

**Currently we feed your puppy a blend of three different foods.**

Taste of the Wild - wetlands ancient grains and Honest Kitchen Whole Grain Chicken Recipe



You can buy Taste of the Wild and Honest Kitchen at smaller pet stores or from Chewy's.

We feed a 1/2 cup of kibble, 1/2 cup of honest kitchen,

We feed your puppy 3 times a day. If you feed your dog training treats during the day then you don't necessarily have to feed them a lunch time meal. We use whole chicken or the kibble as training treats for the puppies.

You can change your puppy to any food that you wish to use (that doesn't contain, fish meal/ ocean meal) however you have to slowly transition them to the new food. I would recommend keeping them on this combination due to the ongoing dog food issues that keep arising. Our combination provides the puppy a well rounded mix of low grains and they love it. Your vet will request that you use a "puppy food" for your puppy. The combination that we use is well balanced and produces 28.25% protein for your puppy.

We never allow our Lagotto to eat any dog food with any type of fish/ocean meal in it due to the risk of ethoxyquin exposure. We do not use or endorse any food with an ocean/fish flavored meal or substance in it. Ethoxyquin is a chemical which is used as a preservative in fish and ocean meal. It is then sold to the dog food industry.

Ethoxyquin has historically been used within “ocean meal”. Companies do not have to disclose that ethoxyquin is in a food if it is used as a secondary preservative or in low doses. Ethoxyquin can cause fatal liver damage in your Lagotto. While there is always a risk of chemicals in the foods that we don’t know about, we do know that there is ethoxyquin in ocean meal and that the dog food industry does not have to report it under certain levels.

**Using any food with a fish or ocean meal substance in it (primary or secondary) will immediately void the health warranty on your puppy. It does not matter who is recommending it or why. Lagotti are a rare breed dogs. Very few people/vets understand the breed.**

### **Potty Training**

Crate training is the most effective way to potty train your puppy. Successful potty training truly depends on your lifestyle, your family and your commitment to your puppy learning to potty outside. Your puppy, to date, has been trained to potty in the potty box. We use the box below.



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We fill the box with pine flakes or horse bedding pellets that we obtain from the tractor supply store. I believe that any pine flake will be fine. If you choose this option, you are going to want to work daily on potty training and wean your puppy off the potty box as soon as possible. They grow up fast. You don’t want your full grown Lagotto using the potty box.

If you are crate training (which we recommend); take your puppy straight outside to go potty from their crate. They will begin to learn what you are expecting from them. Using a door doggie bell teaches them how to notify you that they need to use the bathroom. Praise them immensely when they make a potty in the yard.

During the day, put them on a leash and keep them with you wherever you go in the house. Your puppy should not be unsupervised at all or have a large run of the house. This will give them opportunity for mischief.



### **Crates/Puppy Pens**

An adult Lagotto nicely into an x-large crate. Crates like the one seen here are recommended as they have a “den like” feeling for your dog. Your dog's crate is their bedroom.

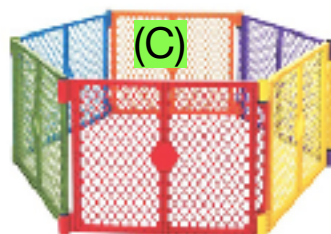
Your puppy needs a smaller crate at first. Putting your puppy into a crate this large in the beginning doesn't help them learn to control their bladder through the night.

Your puppy has been trained to sleep through the night *once the lights are turned off*. They will not go to sleep without the lights off. They also listen to lullaby's in order to settle down. (I know, I know.... It's just what we do). House Woller puppies go to bed at 10 pm. They wake up when we wake up. Your puppy will get onto your schedule in a few days.

Your puppy has been sleeping with their siblings up till now. Your puppy is not used to sleeping on their own. They are going to initially cry when they go to sleep the first couple of nights at your house. This is normal. They will adjust to sleeping on their own if you allow them to be independent (which we do recommend).

Most people can not tolerate their new baby crying. We totally understand. We, at House Woller, use a baby playpen (A) for our own new puppies. We put the playpen next to our bed and then reassure the puppy that we are here. That sometimes helps families with the transition.

One of our two favorite things that we have is the time out/play pen. We have transitioned all of our dogs out of crates and into playpens. Our most favorite playpen is the pet gazebo (B). Your adult Lagotto can fit inside with a friend if need be. We currently house our puppies in the pet gazebos within our home. We put a shower pan liner underneath for easy clean up. They are usually pretty affordable and can be found in any home depot. They are usually on a roll and have to be cut, so make sure you buy enough for your size kennel/crate/gazebo. If you need to tack the liner down, you can do so with duct tape. Lastly, puppy, dog gates might be something that you need. Baby pens (C), are usually less expensive than dog gates and might do the job for you.



The Original Pet Gazebo -  
Medium, 5ft. x 5ft. x 5ft.

### **Flying with your puppy**

If you are flying with your puppy you will need to make sure that the airline knows that you are going to be bringing your puppy back with you on your return flight. There will be a charge for this and you will have to have an airline approved crate to transport your puppy. The crate should be able to fit underneath the chair in front of you. We recommended a 19 inch crate (pic on right). Your puppy will only be 8 pounds when you pick them up. They will fit comfortably in a 19 inch crate for the flight home.



### **Grooming Supplies**

*Nail Trimmer* - You will need to trim your puppies nails on occasion. Puppy nails grow very fast and can be sharp. We clip there nails weekly. As puppies you can use regular adult sized nail clippers. If you are going to continue to clip their nails as they grow, you will need to purchase regular canine nail clippers. If you wish to use the dremel type of nail file, your puppy will need to get used to it.

*Wire slicker brush (soft)* - The undercoat of a Lagotto can become matted. You do want to brush them once in a while. We use the tools created by the furminator at the farm. They have really cool detachable handles and replacement parts. Not to mention they work really well.

*Dematter/deshedder*- If you do happen to get matted. The furminator dematter is amazing. We also have the deshedder which helps get the tangles out of your lagotto. Remember, Lagotto have hair, not fur. They don't shed. They need regular grooming, but otherwise are super easy to care for.



### **Fleas/Ticks/Heartworm**

*Flea Treatment* - Comfortis, Biospot or Frontline– For fleas. You can get this at any petstore. This is sized according to weight. Your pups weigh about 8 pounds or so, but won't for long so buy the 20 pound size. You will put this on your pup on the 1st of every month at the same time you give their heart worm preventative from you vet. Do not use flea topical IF it is already in your monthly heart worm medication. This can make your puppy really sick.

*Bowls* - Use metal water and food dishes. The plastic ones hold bacteria in the grain and discolors noses.

*Leash and collar* – Use a buckle style snap together, adjustable color. Your puppy is currently a small, about 8 inches, but will get big fast. Your leash should have a 4-6 foot span on it.

*FLEXI Leads should not be used for the first 6-8 months while training to come and heel. Choke chains can be very harmful to puppy necks as well as adult necks.*

*Pet clean up* - Nature's Miracle for cleaning up accidents - gallon size is cheapest to get.

*Puppy Shampoo* - Any kind of puppy shampoo is fine. We use WEN, by Chaz Dean. Do not by any shampoo with flea remover in it, especially if you have topical flea preventative.

*Toys* – anything fleecy, also rope toys, balls, squeaky toys. Kong toys are great fun and are great for crate training and act as a puppy pacifier. Stay away from

raw hide. Your puppy and/or adult dog can choke on it. Cow hooves or other real bones from the dog store are ok supervised. If you buy bones, get the flat rib bones, the knuckle bones come apart and can become a choking hazard. NEVER leave anything in a pup's crate except a Kong or something indestructible.

*Books:*

The Art of Raising a Puppy by the New Skete Monks,  
Dog Training for Dummies by the Volhards,  
Good Dogs Great Owners by Kilcommons,  
Smarter Than You Think by Loeb.

Allie loves Cesar Milan, she has read almost everything that he has written.

Puppy Culture is great

*Puppy Classes* – Your puppy MUST have training in order to be the best puppy for your home. You want your Lagotto to be able to following (minimally) basic commands of sit, stay, come, heel and down. Your town has great classes at your local pet training facility for puppy socialization and learning how to train your new pup. This training is actually for you. It teaches you to be the best pet mom/dad. Wait until puppy has been titered to start puppy classes. Parvo and Distemper are real threats to your puppy.

If you have any other questions, please let us know!!

Nikki & Allie