



FEEDING AND TRAINING ADVICE FOR YOUR NEW CANE CORSO PUPPY

We feed and recommend the following foods:

Acana – Sold at Tail Blazers/Global Pet Foods/Pet Value



Grasslands Duck & Bartlett Ranchlands Lamb & Apple Pacifica Chicken & Potato Wild Prairie

Taste of the Wild – Sold at Global Pet Foods/Pet Value.



Natures Domain – Sold at Costco

Probiotics are good for when your pups or older dogs have soft or runny stool. You can find any good probiotic at a health food store as well as online at Nature's Farmacy www.naturesfarmacy.com for those that are in the USA. For those that are in Canada please contact Copper Hollow Enterprises at www.copperhollow.com



RECOMMENDED TREATS

Natural Balance Treat Rolls – Sold at Petco ALL of my dogs LOVE these treats. You can cut the roll into whatever size treats you need.



TRAINING YOUR NEW PUPPY –

If you haven't already we recommend you purchasing and watching the puppy culture DVD's you will see what we have been working on with your puppy for the first 8-10 weeks and where you should continue on. To purchase the DVD's please go to our website and click on one of the puppy culture links. You will be directed to the puppy culture website and shop. Try to keep all training sessions short and positive, ALWAYS END ON A GOOD NOTE!

Corso puppies go thru many stages during their development; they go thru different fear stages. It is vital in the development of your puppy that nothing traumatic happens to the puppy during a fear stage. When your puppy is going through any fear stages use extra care but be sure that you are still out socializing. Make sure every outing ends on a good note and that it's always a fun positive experience.

Also make sure that if your puppy is acting nervous of anything DO NOT reinforce the bad behavior by coddling the dog, telling it it's ok and so forth; also do not force the puppy into situations it's not comfortable with. Ignore the puppy's behavior and act like it's no big deal

Some Ideas for places to socialize your puppy:

Your Vets office – Make sure you take your puppy to the vets office regularly not just when they have an appt make some quick fun trips so your adult dog enjoys going to the vets.

The park – I like to take my puppies to play on the children's playground equipment when there's no one there, learning to climb on the funny textures and surfaces builds confidence in the puppy. Make sure you always set the puppy up for success and it can do whatever you are asking of it.

Petco/Petsmart – Check with your local Petco as most offer a free puppy playtime on the weekends. This is great socialization with people and puppies in similar stages of development.

Lowe's/Home Depot – There are many different sounds and types of people at Home Improvement stores.

Your Local Feed Store/Farm & Ranch Store

Wal-Mart – Though you can't take your puppy into Wal-Mart, going to place like Wal-Mart, Target, Kohl's, you can sit outside with your puppy and they can meet hundreds of people and kids.

Bass Pro Shop – Allows dogs and a great place to get tons of socialization.

Social events in your city – If allowed take your dog out to any social events going on in your city.

Sporting fields – Take your puppy out to the soccer fields, softball complex.

GET CREATIVE ANYWHERE YOU CAN THINK OF THAT YOUR PUPPY WILL BE ALLOWED TAKE THEM WITH YOU CAN NOT SOCIALIZE A CANE CORSO TO MUCH!!

Make sure you are getting your puppy out and exposed to people of all different shapes/sizes, ages. People in funny hats, sunglasses, the more your dog is familiarized with things the quicker they learn what is normal and how to discern what is normal from what is not. Take along LOTS of treats when going out to socialize and train, give strangers treats to give your puppy so they associate meeting new people as a good thing. If your puppy is being scared they must move towards the stranger to get the treat do not treat them for being scared. Make sure they get out meeting many kids, and most importantly of those introductions they MUST be positive. It must be a great experience for them.

If your puppy is being overly mouthy or biting give a very strong Yelp, and immediately end any play. This is what a puppy's littermate would do to them, meaning you bite too hard and I'm done playing with you. If this does not seem to be helping quick pinch or thumb in the roof of their mouth usually says pretty quickly that's enough. Also redirecting them to an appropriate toy to play with and mouth is a good alternative. Remember you rule the roost and if your puppy is getting a little too excitable give them some time out, either in the yard or in a crate.

It is imperative that your puppy learns to have its own self confidence and not become a fearful dog when mom or dad isn't right beside it. You also do not want to create a dog that suffers from separation anxiety and becomes so stressed out when left alone that they become destructive. The puppy must

have alone time, put it outside in a secured yard while you are home to run around on its own. Make sure you are crate training the puppy and it gets a couple hours a day alone in a crate. To crate train start off with short time periods in the crate, reward the puppy for being quiet and settled in the crate by letting it come out or giving it a treat in the crate. Remember with crate training do not let the puppy out when it is carrying on making a fuss (unless of course you think it needs to potty) if you do so you are rewarding bad behavior!

Some puppies are chewers; mine seem to like remotes most. Chewing is mostly done out of boredom. If you are having a problem with chewing more exercise and enrolling your dog in a doggie daycare a few times a week will help keep them tired and calmer around the house.

We recommend getting your puppy into a Puppy Kindergarten class within a couple weeks of getting your puppy. We also strongly recommend a basic obedience class at around 10 months old. Further training will only benefit you and your companion and build a stronger bond. We recommend getting your corso their Canine Good Citizen certificate, this helps show the breed in a positive light to your community and the AKC.

Remember if you are having any issues or concerns call or email us right away its better to nip the problem right away then for it to continue on, we want to help!