



Standard Out-of-State Health Care Guidelines

Health and veterinary care information for puppy raisers located outside of Colorado

Diet

Purina Pro Plan Large Breed Chicken and Rice Puppy

2 ½ c daily unless otherwise instructed by the Puppy Development Department

Puppy should be transitioned to Purina Pro Plan Large Breed Chicken and Rice Adult at 12 months of age or before IFT.

Current Medications and Supplements

- Panacur- give one packet sprinkled over food once daily until gone.
- Psyllium husk powder- fiber supplement. Give ½ tsp- 1 tsp, sprinkled on food, as needed for loose stool. One bag will be provided, and the raiser will be responsible for purchasing further psyllium as needed.
- Simparica Trio- heartworm, flea, and tick prevention. Give one weight-specific tab on the first day of each month, year-round. Three months of Simparica will be provided and then the raiser will be responsible for working with the local vet to ensure Simparica Trio is administered monthly at the appropriate dose.
 - o Simparica Trio comes in weight-specific tabs- 22-44lbs and 44-88lbs
 - o If your puppy is on the borderline of these two weight groups, under-dose
 - o The puppy must be examined by a vet who can prescribe Simparica Trio. FSD will reimburse the raiser for Simparica trio if receipt of payment is submitted. See below for more instructions on reimbursement.

Vaccinations

Your puppy is up to date and current on vaccinations. The raiser should check with the local veterinarian to determine if there are any additional region-specific vaccines that are recommend.

Other treatment and Preventatives

Because there are different health concerns in different areas of the country, FSD will defer to the local veterinarian's advice on preventative treatment. If the raiser has any questions about what is recommended, please contact the Health Department at FSD.

Process for Reporting and Addressing Health Concerns

- For non-urgent health concerns or observations, use the Health Concern Submission Form – link can be found in the Puppy Portal.
- The Health Department will be in contact within 24-48 hours of form submission. Please check your spam folder if you have submitted a recent form, as emails from FSD often end up here,



especially for Gmail users.

- If the Health Department recommends that the puppy be examined by a veterinarian, the raiser is responsible for coordinating with a local vet who can provide veterinary care. • FSD will reimburse vet treatment up to \$250 without authorization from the Health Department. If the cost exceeds \$250, the raiser must obtain approval from the Health Department to ensure reimbursement. Raisers are responsible for submitting all receipts and medical notes from the vet to the Health Department for reimbursement.
- For emergencies, the puppy should be taken to a vet clinic or an emergency vet clinic for treatment. FSD consents to stabilizing treatment. As soon as the puppy's condition is stabilized, the FSD Health Department must be notified before further care is provided. A representative from FSD will work with the emergency vet clinic to discuss a treatment plan and payment.

Process for Submitting Reimbursement for Vet Care

- Reimbursement forms can be found in the Puppy Portal.
- To submit a reimbursement for payment, email the reimbursement form, an itemized receipt, and treatment notes to sguild@freedom servicedogs.org
- A check will be mailed to the raiser after submission of all required documentation at the end of the month in which the documents were submitted.

Scheduled Exams, Procedures, and Health Evaluations

- **Spay and Neuter**
 - o FSD generally alters dogs around 12-14 months of age. The Health Department will reach out to raisers around this time to schedule spay and neuter appointments. The raiser is responsible for taking the dog to the appointment and picking them up, unless other plans are made.
 - o At least one week prior to the spay/neuter procedure, an appointment at FSD must be scheduled for pre-surgery blood work and a fecal test. The Health Department will schedule this at the same time as the spay/neuter procedure.
 - o FSD will pay the veterinarian directly for this procedure, the raiser is not responsible for paying and then submitting a reimbursement
- **Breeding Evaluations**
 - o If your dog is being considered as a breeding candidate, your dog may not be spayed or neutered until a later date.
 - o The Breeding and Genetics Department may reach out to schedule other health evaluations around 12-14 months of age. The raiser is responsible for taking the dog to the appointment and picking them up, unless other plans are made.
- **Grooming- Poodles and Doodles**
 - o Poodles and some doodles require grooming every 8-10 weeks or as needed. The raiser is responsible for ensuring appropriate, timely grooming is conducted.
 - o Reimbursement can be submitted for required grooming.
- **Other Procedures**



- o There may be times when the Health Department recommends a puppy be seen at an offsite clinic for diagnostics or procedures. The Health Department will coordinate these appointments with the raiser. The raiser is responsible for taking the dog to the appointment and picking them up, unless other plans are made.

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