

## **DzLegendary Samoyeds HELPFUL INFORMATION SHEET**

### **BEFORE YOUR PUPPY COMES HOME:**

The whole house must be puppy proofed. Decide on the house rules before the puppy comes home and make sure everyone knows them. Create a first 48 hour plan and make sure everyone is aware of it. All humans must be consistent with the puppy to avoid training problems. Choose a sleeping and eating area. A good sleeping area is quiet but not deserted and a good eating area is in their crate or an easily cleaned one. Choose a spot outside where the puppy will be taken to go potty every time. Purchase all the puppies supplies and be familiar with their use (see recommended supplies list). Create a daily schedule and decide who will do what. Keeping a log of potty and feeding times will help you avoid accidents and know when the puppies food should be upped. Any children that will be around the puppy on a regular basis should be talked to about gentle love and the importance of following the puppies' house rules.

### **FOOD:**

Call me to get your first order placed so I can make sure you are put in as preferred wholesale pricing customers. Feed Life's Abundance dry dog food for all life stages. They also have training reward treats and chew bones. Do not buy or feed any treats from anywhere else especially during the first year.

### **FEEDING INSTUCTIONS:**

Offer access to fresh water at all times unless the puppy is crated. While crated you can plug the small end of a regular shaped Kong toy and fill with some water and freeze. Place it in the crate while you are gone for hydration and something to occupy them. It is very important to keep their supply of water constant. When traveling bring water from home or buy bottled. Offer 3 meals per day. Put the food down for the puppy in the same location every time. Give the puppy no more than 10 minutes to eat and then remove the dish. You may offer it again in 30 minutes, but again do not leave the dish down for more than 10 minutes. Start with one half cup per meal and increase as puppy grows. If the puppy eats all the food in a very short time and is looking for more try giving another quarter cup and increase all other meals as such. At six months of age you can offer two meals per day instead of three. Feed the same amount per day just split in two instead of three. At this time you may also offer one good tablespoon of can food mixed with the dry as a treat 2-3 times a week. By one year of age the puppy will be eating about three cups of food per day (female) or about four cups of food per day (male) split into two meals. A cup means a true level measured cup of 8 oz.

### **HEALTHCARE RECCOMENDATIONS:**

Never let a 9-10 week old puppy walk in a pet store or a public place including the vet. If you do take them to one, put them in a cart on leash, or carry them. Two weeks after they have received all vaccinations you can let them walk around public. I still recommend using booties or cleaning their feet with your Norwex cloth (given with puppy) before getting back in the car. I do not give puppy combo shots containing LEPTO. Make sure your vet knows this before administering the puppy's next series. Leptospirosis, if needed must be done all by itself so you can monitor for reactions. I give the Rabies in the same manner after everything else and all by itself. I have learned that you should not use sulfa based drugs or Ace anesthesia. Make sure your vet is aware that these should not be used on your dog and they put it in the file. I strongly recommend year round heartworm medication and careful limited use of flea/tick (frontline plus) medications when the puppy is old enough. DO NOT use combination products as there is too high a chance of reactions. You should have the puppy micro-chipped as soon as possible to help insure a speedy return if they are lost or stolen. Since micro-chips are not 100% effective in pet return I recommend using a smart ID tag. You should always list me as an alternate emergency contact including my website URL which is always up to date. I will send out updates on medicine/vaccine issues for our breed as they come along.

## GROOMING RECCOMENDATIONS:

Before I start listing everything, these things can be purchased little by little while the puppy grows. Bathe the puppy every 2-3 weeks (a Booster Bath tub will raise the dog and save your back). This will promote a rolling coat and cut down on shedding. Life's Abundance shampoo and spray mist works great on the Samoyed coat. During each bath you should express the anal glands to keep them from building up. Samoyeds blow their coats roughly twice a year. They will need some extra grooming at these times. If you get it all out when it starts blowing, then it will not end up in snowy fur drifts all over the house. Having a grooming table will really help keep the dog in place at a nice working height so you can get the job done fast. I recommend purchasing a Metro Air Force 4hp blower/dryer or Kool dry dryer. These blowers are a bit pricey but cut grooming time in half, make the job easier on both you and the dog, and the end result is far superior. A good pin brush (Chris Christensen), 2 slickers (Doggyman by Millers Forge), metal comb (Chris Christensen and Greyhound), mild baby powder no cornstarch, straight and thinning hair scissors, are the basics you need to keep the coat in good condition. I brush them out while blowing once a week to keep the fur down in the house and the dog more comfortable. Never brush a dry coat. I mist the coat with spray mist or water before brushing. If they get wet or muddy let them dry completely, then brush and blow them out and bathe if you wish. If their rear end gets icky in between baths, pull out the baby powder and slicker. Douse the area to clean with baby powder and allow it to soak up any moisture. Then you can slicker it all out in downward motions. Repeat this process as many times as needed to get the area clean again. I trim their nails every week to keep them at the right length (Recso nail trimmers are best). You may also use a Dremmel grinder to round the tips. Kwik Stop styptic powder or gel is a must have if you hit a bleeder. You will use the hair scissors to trim the fur around the pads and in between the toes to keep them cleaner and more comfortable. Cleaning their teeth with a tooth scraper/scaler, once every month or two will keep tarter from building up. This is much easier and cheaper than having your vet sedate them once a year to clean the teeth.

## POTTY TRAINING/CRATE TRAINING:

As a breeder I have made the decision to begin crate training for you. I strongly believe that having the puppy begin crate training prior to leaving eliminates a lot of stress on the puppy and new owner. There is less stress and accidents during the training process. Your puppy is currently on a schedule. She/He is awake by 6:00am and is immediately taken to go potty. I tell the puppy repeatedly to "go potty," and when she/he does, I immediately lavish them with praise for going. Then I offer the first meal of the day around 8:00 am, which gets the system moving, so you then have to take her/him back out to potty after eating. During the day I take the puppy out every hour at least to go potty when awake. Then around 12 noon the second meal is offered and she/he is taken out after finishing. The third meal is offered around 4:00 pm and she/he is taken out after finishing. I remove the water dish between 8:00pm and 9:00pm depending on when we plan to go to bed. This must be done at least two hours prior to her/his last potty break. Then around 11:00 pm she/he is taken out for a final potty and not brought back in until she/he has eliminated. At this time she/he is placed in the crate for the night. In the morning it is essential to get the puppy out of the crate immediately and go outside. Pick her/him up and keep her/him held until you are ready. If she/he is not picked up right away there is a strong chance of a potty accident. Always praise the puppy for going potty outside, but NEVER scold or punish the puppy for accidents. If an accident occurs take the puppy outside immediately and tell her/him to "go potty outside". Never just leave the puppy there and clean it up. This sends the wrong message and will hinder its training. If someone else is available have they can either help with cleaning up or taking the puppy out. If you are alone then take the puppy out and clean up the mess afterwards.

## TOY RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Puppy Kong Toys (100% rubber only)
2. Natural sterilized (white) bones and white knuckle bones

3. Blue Dental Nubby Bone
4. Puppy Sized Nylabones for Heavy Chewers (many shapes and sizes available)
5. Life's Abundance training treats and chew bones
6. One Squeaky Toy (only to be played with when 100% supervised)
7. One Stuffed Toy (only to be played with when 100% supervised)

Thank you and I sincerely hope you love your Sammy as much as I do,

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