

WELCOME TO THE **Miami Valley** Animal Hospital PUPPY PARTY

TIPS & GOOD IDEAS TO HELP YOU AND YOUR NEW PUPPY

### CRATE TRAINING

- Crate training is a great way to prevent house soiling and chewing when you are not with your pet to supervise him.
- The best location for a crate is in your bedroom, family room, or kitchen. Do not isolate your crated puppy in a garage, laundry room, or basement.
- Make the crate experience a positive and pleasant experience for your pet
- Never use the crate as a source of punishment

### HOUSE TRAINING

- Do not allow your puppy to run freely in the house
- Block off an area where the family normally spends much of its time
- Use the crate when you cannot supervise or when you are away
- Feed your puppy on a regular feeding schedule. Anticipate when puppy will need to go out to relieve himself. This is usually:
  - 5-20 minutes after eating
  - first thing in the morning
  - last thing at night
  - after naps
  - after drinking
  - after play periods
  - any time puppy acts restless
- Provide an immediate reward to your puppy after he relieves himself. A food treat along with your praise is the best reward. You must be outside with your puppy for the reward to be immediate.
- If puppy has an accident in the house, clean it up thoroughly with any commercial product made for this purpose or ask your veterinarian what products they recommend.
- If puppy is having more than one or two accidents a week, you may not be supervising close enough or taking puppy outside enough.

