



## In Honor of National Puppy Day, Pet Insurance Provider Pets Best Insurance Offers Puppy Care and Helpful Puppy Tips



*Pets Best Insurance, a leading provider of pet health insurance in the US, celebrates National Puppy Day by offering tips to care for new puppies, how to “puppy-proof” a home and puppy training tips to get pet owners off to a good start with their new pet.*

Boise, ID-March 23<sup>rd</sup> is National Puppy Day, a celebration of the joy puppies bring to people’s lives. More importantly it is a day to raise awareness about all the orphaned puppies around the world waiting for a good home. Many of them are pure-breed puppies and young adult dogs who have been orphaned for one reason or another but would make a great addition to any home or family. While many people looking for specific breeds wouldn’t necessarily think of a shelter as their first stop, National Puppy Day encourages everyone to consider adoption first.

When a new puppy comes home, Pets Best Insurance reminds that many of the same precautions taken to baby-proof a house hold true for puppies too. Put all medications, supplements and chemical cleaning supplies out of reach. Be aware of toxic plants like dieffenbachia, azalea, calla lily and philodendron. The trash can is a magnet for dogs, but both the bathroom and kitchen trash contain many hazards. Even everyday furniture can become dangerous around a curious pup; a rocking chair can roll over a tail or paw, and a puppy can get crushed if inside an open recliner or sleep sofa. Make your pet’s safety a priority.

Many seemingly innocuous foods can harm or kill dogs. Grapes and raisins can damage the kidneys; chocolate, onions, alcohol and foods high in fat, sugar, or salt can be toxic. Tobacco and nicotine patches and some gum contain ingredients that are toxic and even fatal to dogs.

A new puppy is a delightful bundle of energy and training can seem a daunting task. Fortunately, puppies respond well to praise and positive reinforcement. In fact, they respond much better than to negative reinforcement. A pat on the head and a treat works better than a rap on the nose every time. A puppy will want to behave better to please its owner and will be happier in the process. It’s important to remember that consistency makes dogs feel safe and secure. Training a puppy takes patience, a plan and consistency, but in the end...happy pet owner and happy obedient pup!



Puppies and children just go together, but some advance preparation is required for that relationship to progress smoothly. First off, before the puppy even comes into the house, ground rules should be set and children need to fully understand them. Puppies need a quiet space away from everything and everyone to feel safe and comfortable, and enlisting children to help set it up is a great way to get them involved. Most importantly, to make sure no one gets hurt, parents should never leave young children and puppies unsupervised.

A happy pet is a healthy pet and that requires regular visits to the local vet. Unfortunately, no pet insurance company covers preexisting conditions; this is why new pet owners should consider enrolling their pets with pet health insurance as soon as possible. Insuring your pets



while they're still young will help ensure there are no preexisting conditions present, which would be excluded from your policy coverage. Insure that puppy as soon as possible!

With the goal of reducing economic euthanasia and his commitment to the safety, health and well being of all pets, Pets Best Insurance leader, Dr. Jack Stephens, founded pet health insurance in the United States in 1981. In fact, Dr. Stephens presented the first pet insurance policy ever to famous television dog, Lassie. A true industry visionary, Dr. Stephens today leads the Pets Best Insurance team with his passion for quality pet care and his expert veterinary knowledge. The Pets Best Insurance team, in turn, is a group of pet lovers who strive to deliver quality customer service and value.

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