

PBGV PUPPY HELPFUL HINTS

Naming your puppy

The puppies will come with a registered name. We gave them a temporary name and you can call them anything you want. I would GREATLY suggest two syllable words with hard consonants. Try the names out by yelling them at the top of your lungs as if your PBGV just bolted out the front door and is experiencing freedom for the first time. You HAVE to be able to get your dogs attention using their name.

Try saying these tried and true dog names:

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| Angus | Boswell | Neddick |
| Willow | Lilith | Benson |
| Gaston | Tuskar | Piper |

The names should roll off your tongues easily and quickly with enunciation. Try them out before naming the puppy. Names need to be powerful and not contain anything which sounds like "no"! I had a friend name her dog Noah, one of the all time worst puppy names on the planet. Not only is the name soft, but also "no" is part of the name. How confusing is that for a dog whom you are trying to train?

Health

- If you hear the clicking of nails on the floor, the nails are too long and need cutting
- Puppy pee should always be straw yellow in color. If it is bright yellow, they need to drink more water
- Never let a PBGV jump from heights greater than 12 inches (beds or sofas)
- Feed the pups at least twice a day; more smaller meals are better than one big one
- Mix enough water with the meal to make it soupy; this causes the puppy to eat more slowly
- For the first year, give the equivalent of one PetTab Calcium per day
- Your puppy is being removed from its pack. It is imperative that you continue the socialization process. TAKE YOUR PUPPY EVERYWHERE; the vets for fun, puppy class, car trips, walks in town to greet people, etc.
- If your puppy has an upset stomach or diarrhea, mix cooked ground beef or lamb with cooked rice and water. Feed this for a day.
- Teething pain; soak knotted socks in water and freeze, ice cubes are good treats, or give a plastic soda bottle with some frozen water inside to the pup.
- Use only dog safe ice melting products. DO NOT USE SALT!!
- These dogs DO get growing pains. They will sit with their heads down and yell in pain. GO TO THE VET IMMEDIATELY and get Prednisone (or Deramaxx). In fact, ask for a dose during your first vet visit so that you have it on hand. There is no need for your puppy to be in pain during this time of growth.
- First Aid – this is a wonderful web site:
<http://www.lowchensaustralia.com/health/firstaid.htm>

Personality

- PBGV's are drama queens when it comes to perceived pain. Cuddle them and the "pain" will go away.
- Sometimes the cheapest toys are the best; flattened plastic milk container, a knotted sock, plastic soda bottle filled with rocks, cardboard roll from paper towels, ice cubes
- Be aware of electrical lines, a favorite PBGV chew toy. They can be electrocuted!
- They will eat their own and other dog's feces. So, keep the yard clean.
- Remove poisonous plants from the gardens (see first aid site above)
- PBGV's WILL dig up any new plant in the garden so protect new plantings
- Fertilize gardens and lawns before a large rain storm so the fertilizer doesn't get on the puppy pads which they lick
- Because PBGV's are long backed, when they stand on their rear legs, they can easily surf the counters for food and dangerous objects. Push things back!
- Your PBGV will pick their favorite human from your pack. You cannot force this choice, just go with it and enjoy.
- PBGV's like to run at great speed around the house or yard. This is called zooming and shows their love of life. Enjoy and stay out of their way.
- Favorite toys are those that squeak (but they will eviscerate the stuffing), those they can tug and those they can chase.
- They love to shred paper so keep it away from them!
- They love to shred any toy or bedding stuffed with white polystyrene stuffing. BE CAREFUL, as they can choke on it.

Training

- Never use a chain collar except for training as it breaks the coat. Use a rolled leather collar as suggested in this notebook
- Never hit a PBGV around the nose or head, a little tap on the butt will provide better results
- When the puppy tries to bite you playfully, do one of two things;
1) give the puppy a toy to chew or 2) massage their ears to distract them
- Always pick up a PBGV in two places as they are long and heavy boned; 1) under the chest and 2) under the rear, NEVER just by the front legs!
- Your puppy should ALWAYS be in a crate when in the car. Think of the crate as a car seat for kids or seat belts for adults. IT'S THE LAW!
- Always feed your puppy in the crate. Crates are for sleeping, eating and hanging out.
- Never use the crate for discipline, it should only be a "good and happy" place for the puppy
- The crate should have water and toys for the puppy
- Rawhide chews should never be left in the crate or in the house. Chews should be a supervised activity as they can choke on them.
- Remember that YOU are the boss not the puppy. A sharp loud NO is the best form of correction
- If your puppy does happen to get free, scream their name as loudly as you can and drop on the ground as if injured. Keep screaming and the puppy will come. They would be nurses if they could hold a job.

- Play with your puppies feet and ears all the time, so they get used to it.
- Although PBGV's love snow and swimming, rain and baths are HATED.