

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Your **TOLDIN** puppy has been born and now is the time to start preparing for its arrival in few weeks. This Tula/Sunny Boy litter born on October 6, 2007 will be ready to go home from Dec 1 – Dec 8. Please contact us for scheduling couple of weeks before. I've included a recommended "shopping list" to help you get everything you will need.

Beyond these items, also take this time to prepare your house for your new arrival. Puppies can be very destructive and will chew expensive rugs, electrical cords, and toxic plants. Just like with a young child, look around and see what could be a hazard.

It is also a very good idea to begin searching for an obedience school and socialization classes. Visit many and find one that you are comfortable with. We recommend that you take your pup to puppy socialization classes after the 2nd set of shots/ at 12 weeks and Beginner Puppy Obedience at 4-6 months old. If your puppy is going to be shown, you should also start attending handling classes with your puppy to get them used to show-like environment and have lots of fun at 4 months. Also, tell the obedience class instructor that the puppy is show puppy and do a stand instead of sit. Sit is the easiest thing to learn, so don't worry about it. We have found that puppy classes, especially geared to young puppies are a very effective means to educate children about how to interact with your new pup. These classes are also an excellent way to socialize your pup and prevent later shyness problems! After your puppy receives his/her second set of shots try to expose them to as many different people (people of different ethnic backgrounds, people on crutches, wearing hats and unusual costumes,... and situations - busy downtown (if police or ambulance sirens all the better!), a mall, soccer game, take them to the office with you if possible, introduce them to children of all ages and decibels. **There is a small window of opportunity – up to 4 ½ months old – to introduce your puppy to varied situations, smells and noises. It will prevent shyness that can evolve to aggression later on.**

It has also been proven that a pup that attends socialization classes earlier on will have an easier time being trained later. It is best wherever you are located to contact an **OBEEDIENCE CLUB** in your region, as they are the obedience experts. Often you will have to reserve early, so



Shopping for Your Toldin Puppy (Mr. Blue)

- NAIL CLIPPERS – or Dremmel grinder
- QUICK STOP (to stop a bleeding nail)
- BRUSH (Rubber and horsehair, NO metal)
- NYLA BONES or NYLA Rings
- RUBBER KONG - large (for stuffing with good things)
- COLLAR 10-12"
- LEASHES (6' Leather and good long Flexi)
- *****VARI KENNEL** size 400 for females, 500 for males. (If you are unsure about what I mean please call. This is the MOST important training tool you will ever use!)
- OLD TOWELS and CHEAP blankets (to put in the crate. After the teething, you can put in a dog bed of double fake fur pad)
- You may also consider X-Pen (4' high fence)
- PUPPY TRAINING PADS (mostly for crate)
- STUFFED TOYS (Absolutely love these to cuddle & play with. Hedgehogs and ducks are highly recommended) Count on them not to last.

now is the time to get organized. Always visit classes and make sure that they do not use choke chains, force methods and that the class is happy and relaxed only using positive re-enforcement methods to teach. Watch for other adult dogs and make sure you know how to interact in adult and puppy situations. Always watch your puppy when around strange adult dogs. One attack can leave marks on the dog and on it's psyche for a long time.

We strongly suggest that that you become a member in [Vizsla Canada](#) club and if we join you, there is a discount. We are hoping that after that first year you will renew and stay with the club for the lifetime of your dog. You may want to join your local Vizsla Club as well, such as the [Vizsla Society of Ontario](#), Michigan Vizsla Club or Miami Valley Vizsla Club in Ohio. Vizsla clubs are a good way to learn about the Vizsla breed and issues and activities pertaining to "our red dogs". The more you do with your dog, the more you will get back in enjoyment and companionship.

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us anytime. We truly want to make the transition from our house to yours as smooth and successful as it can be for your new friend. We will be sending you reading material on various subjects of puppy rearing. We hope that you will take time to read all materials and enjoy your puppy

Tula and her brood.



- BOWLS - stainless steel, good size for food, ceramic for water. .
- DOG BED (Large dog bed with sides
- Nylon or leather collar with buckle for training classes. (12-14") ****Never use a metal choke chain on your pup or any kind of choke chain or prong collars, NO gentle lead please! All collars should be removed once training session is completed. An unsupervised dog in a training collar could potentially hang itself!**
- BABY GATES - not the old wooden ones... dogs have been hung by these!
- **SOFT Type treats!! NO HARD COOKIES TO PUPS AND NEVER, NEVER GIVE IT TO THEM OUTSIDE! NO THROWING OF TREATS TO PUPS!!!!**
- **TOOTH BRUSH/DOG TOOTHPASTE**

****Nutro Natural Choice Ultra Large Breed Puppy** (please make sure it is the name on the bag, Nutro makes many different kinds, less quality foods!) **OR Purina Pro Plan Large Puppy**

Vitamin C (no ester C) Omega 3 Fatty Acids (3-6-9) oil or Flax Oil or Salmon OilWe ask that you not switch from this food until the puppy is at least 4-5 months old, or if there is food related problem. Feeding guide is about 1 cup 3 times a day increasing as the puppies grow. This food is readily available at PetsMart, PetValue and many pet stores. Please do not be talked into switching to another "better" food by the pet store employees or your vet. They get paid commission on sales and neither vets or pet store clerks know much about nutritionWe have years of experience with dog food and how it works with Vizslas, who have a very low fat content and high energy needs. Stay away from IAMS, Eukanuba, Ol'Roy and any other mass produced foods, you would be surprised what they put into them and how they process them, nutrients have to be put back in. Many high priced Natural and Organic food are manufactured outside of the control of these companies and they have no control of the ingredients. Please follow our guidelines for optimum health of your dog for years to come!**

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