



BOSTON CHI CHIS

IMPORTANT PUPPY CARE – PLEASE READ & INITIAL

Congratulations on your new Boston Chi Chis puppy!

Prior to arrival and transitioning into a new home

Please plan to be home with your new puppy the first few days as much as possible to closely oversee their transition to their new home. Do not bring your puppy around other dogs, dog parks or public places with other animals until they have had all of their vaccines!

Be sure to setup a safe, (preferably quiet) space just for them – a crate with pad and blanket with the crate door open, with water, kibble and puppy pad nearby.

Feeding / Low Blood Sugar

Toy breed puppies, including Chihuahuas are very susceptible to hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) if they do not eat enough food frequently due to their small size and low weight. Therefore, it is very important to monitor your puppy's food intake and ensure they are eating enough and often. Should your puppy be reluctant to eat due to the transition period, you can try giving them puppy appetite stimulant wet food, which usually does the trick and can be purchased at pet stores or trying a bit of Karo corn syrup. The appetite stimulant wet food can also be mixed with their kibble. **Please also consult your vet right away if your puppy refuses to eat.**

All our puppies and adult dogs are fed a Royal Canin kibble diet. Puppies are fed Royal Canin Chihuahua breed puppy kibble or Royal Canin XS breed puppy kibble. Should you wish to feed your puppy a different brand, be sure to mix the two brands of kibble for some time to avoid digestive upset.

Housebreaking & Crate Training

All Boston Chi Chis puppies begin pad training as early as possible. You may want to continue this in addition to housebreaking with frequent potty breaks and/or crate training, as some Chihuahuas tend to dislike cold weather, snow and rain. This way you have an alternative option in inclement weather.



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Vaccines & Microchipping

Your puppy will have had its first series of age-appropriate vaccines prior to going home. We highly recommend having your vet stagger your pup's future vaccine doses over a series of visits -and- carefully consider the potential risks of the additional optional vaccines.

We highly recommend having your puppy microchipped and registered as soon as is possible but you may also want to consider microchipping your puppy while they are being spayed or neutered.

Harness & Leash

Toy breeds, including Chihuahuas have delicate tracheas and a genetic predisposition to tracheal collapse, so you'll want to ensure you purchase a good fitting quality harness and leash for your puppy. Always avoid using a collar with a leash on your puppy! We've found the Pawtitas vest harnesses to fit our dogs very well and for very small younger pups, the FEiMax harness and leash walking set for small dogs and cats the best fitting. Both can be purchased on Amazon.

Grooming and Dental Care

Chihuahuas can be prone to dental issues, so you'll want to establish a good dental care routine for your dog as early as possible.

You'll also want to get your puppy use to having their paws gently touched/played with early on, which should make trimming their nails a much easier task!

Smooth coated Chihuahuas require little day-to-day grooming. A monthly bath and nail trim are usually all that is required.

Spaying & Neutering

We highly recommend spaying/neutering your dog. Please discuss the best age for having your dog spayed or neutered with your veterinarian, as the recommended ages for doing so are based on breed size. Smaller breeds typically being spayed or neutered around 6 months, while larger breeds may benefit from waiting until after their growth plates close, usually between 9 and 15 months.

We also love to get updates and pictures of Boston Chi Chis puppies in their new homes and referrals are appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions!