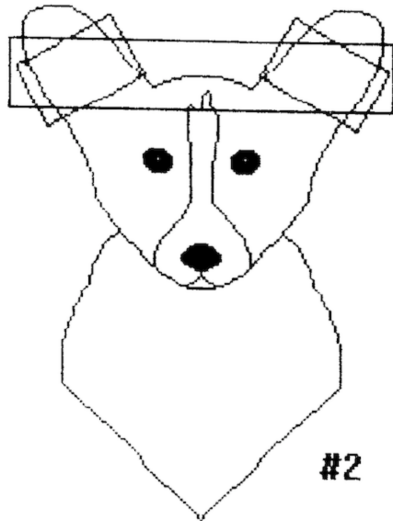


EAR TAPING TIPS FOR CARDIGAN WELSH CORGIS

Taping is used to enhance circulation through the entire ear by eliminating the fold. This encourages cartilage formation at an early age. Corgi ears should never be “rolled” or “racked” like a Dobermans where $\frac{3}{4}$ of the ear has been cut away. Rolling such a large ear would actually decrease circulation. Taping as illustrated here does not hurt in any way. Your puppy won’t like holding still for the process and will probably try to roll, scratch, or shake off the tape. However, they soon forget the tape is there. You can leave the tape on for up to a week by reinforcing it with more tape as needed. ***Do not*** allow another puppy to pull or chew on the tape. When you remove the tape give the ears a few hours to adjust, then decide if they need to be retaped.



- Start the taping process at nine weeks if your puppy’s ears are not standing up naturally by this time.

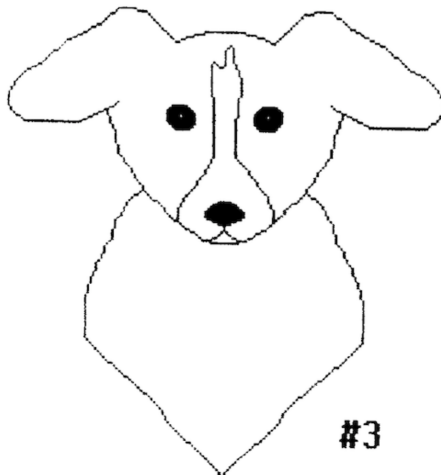


- It is best if one person holds the puppy while another tapes. It can be managed single-handedly if necessary, but you’ll need lots of patience.

- Use 2-inch wide masking tape. No other size will do. 2-inch white fabric medical tape or duct tape can be used if the masking tape is not sticking to the ears.

- First use a band of tape to encircle each ear. (See illustration #1) Next put a long band of tape in front and in back to connect the ears. (See illustration #2) Add tape where needed to add strength to the construction.

- Make sure there are no folds in the ear when taping is completed.



- Distract the puppy until it becomes used to the tape. This usually takes 15 minutes or less. Use toys, food, or play as distractions. Be sure to tell them how good they are!

- Some puppies’ ears will stand after the first taping. Others take longer. Retape if your puppy looks like the flying nun! (See Illustration #3)