

THINGS TO REMEMBER IN CARING FOR YOUR CARDIGAN WELSH CORGI

***Never** use your dog's name to scold him. What you are doing when you do this is teaching him that his name brings unpleasant things. Instead, when you *catch* him in the act of chewing, house soiling, etc., growl "Agh!" He understands this. Use his name to call him, ask him to do something, or to praise him.

***Never** scold him if you find something he has chewed, that he has wet in the house, etc. You have to catch him in the act! Prevention is key, and dogs live in the moment, not moments ago.

***Never** call him to you if you are going to clip his nails, give him a bath or anything he doesn't like. Go get him calmly and take him to the area. Otherwise he will never want to come to you for fear you may be about to do something he dislikes.

***Always** clip his nails once a week. Look into his ears and mouth daily. Brush or massage him daily while he is on a down stay. This exercise reminds him that *you* are the "alpha" dog and there can be no exception to this.

***Always** praise your puppy for positive interaction with new people, places and animals. After his second shot at 8-9 weeks, take him with you to meet your friends and other dogs/cats/birds as often as possible. The more you do this between the critical socialization period (8-16 weeks) the better adjusted he will be. Let him play with other dogs, as this helps him establish normal responses to other animals.

***Never** allow your puppy to shy away from friendly animals. If he acts shy or backs off from a friendly dog, *make* him sit and hold still while they sniff noses and rears. Don't scoop him up and tell him everything is okay. This reaction will be interpreted as praise for a very negative behavior.

***Always** have your puppy sleep inside a crate in your bedroom if possible, but never in your bed. This helps him form a strong bond to you. He is sleeping in your "den". If you allow him in bed with you, he may become possessive or think his pack status is higher than it is...

***Always** practice social exercises daily. Twice a day put your puppy on a down stay, then roll him onto his back. Make him stay. Rub his tummy, feet and tail while looking gently into his eyes. This exercise will have wonderful results throughout his life! This is a *critical* exercise- especially for males.

For further information on raising your puppy, read "**The Art of Raising A Puppy**", and "**Before and After Getting Your Puppy**" by Dr. Ian Dunbar, the worlds foremost expert on canine behavior!