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INFO ON YOUR ARQ PUPPY

NAME: _____

BREED: _____

DOB: _____

ARQ ID TAG: _____

DESEXED: _____

SUTURES DUE OUT: _____

Please see info about after care for desexed dogs.

VACCINATIONS

1st VACCINATION GIVEN: _____

2nd VACCINATION DUE* / GIVEN: _____

3rd VACCINATION DUE* / GIVEN: _____

**ARQ adopt our dogs with current vaccinations only. Any further vaccinations or vet work due after the adoption date is the responsibility of the new owners.*

IMPORTANT: Your puppy must not go into public areas or interact with dogs that are not up to date on their vaccination schedule until 2 weeks after their third vaccination, otherwise they will be at risk of contracting canine parvovirus and other diseases. One year after receiving their third and final vaccination as a puppy, your dog needs to have their first booster vaccination as an adult. These are given annually for the rest of your pet's life to keep your dog fully protected. Some brands of vaccines last for longer and therefore do not require annual booster vaccinations; your vet can tell you when your dog is next due.

ADOPTION:

Following your adoption, we are here to assist you with basic advice and assistance. If however, you feel during the first 14 days only that the dog is not fitting in with your home and you wish to return them, we will refund your adoption fee, minus an administration fee. Please note that all discussions in relation to any issues you are having with the dog are to be discussed with the adoptions team. At no time is a dog to be returned to the carer without prior approval from Animal Rescue Qld.

MICROCHIP

Your ARQ dog has already been microchipped. After adoption, the new owner will be emailed the unique number along with the microchip transfer form. We do ask that you wait for your 2week settling in period has passed before you submit this transfer form to the third party microchip company. If you do submit this before then and decide to return the dog to ARQ we will deduct the applicable fee from your refund to transfer the microchip back into our name.



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VET CERTIFICATES:

After adoption, the new owner will be emailed the vet certificates along with the receipt of adoption and the microchip transfer form.

Treating Vet Details: Grange Vet Surgery. 12 Days Rd Grange. Ph 3856 4882

Please note – while we highly recommend this vet, they are INDEPENDENT to ARQ, and cannot provide any information about the dogs background etc.

PARASITES:

Intestinal Worming treated on: _____ Intestinal Worming Due: _____

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Intestinal worming is due every 2 weeks until 3 months of age, then every month until 6mths of age and then every 3mths for life. ARQ use and recommend DRONTAL or MILBEMAX (milbemax treats heartworm too).

Flea treated on: _____ Flea Treatment Due: _____

Flea treatment is usually due monthly – depending on the product. Please speak to your local vet about the best flea treatments for your pup. Some treatments are only safe after a certain body weight or age. ARQ recommend Nexgard Spectra (monthly all in one) or Bravecto (3-6mths protection against fleas and ticks) or Simparica (monthly flea and tick treatment, suitable for smaller pups from 1.3kilos)

Heartworm treated on: _____ Heartworm Treatment Due: _____

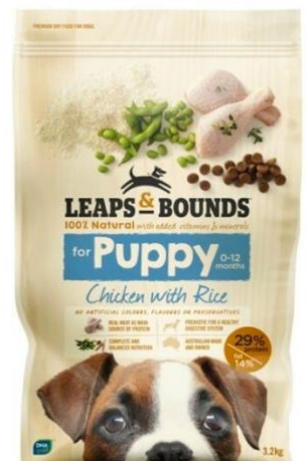
Heartworm treatment is usually due monthly – depending on the product. Please speak to your local vet as you can combine a yearly heartworm injection with your dogs vaccination. Other monthly products include Nexgard Spectra (monthly all in one) or Milbemax (monthly treatment that includes intestinal worm treatment).

FOOD:

ARQ use and recommend **Leaps and Bounds Puppy** – available at Petbarn Stores.

Feeding Guide: 8 weeks old - 1/2 cup per day. 12 weeks old - 1/2 - 3/4 cup per day
16 weeks old - 3/4 - 1 cup per day

Puppies should be fed 3-4 times a day where possible (min twice a day - leave a bowl of dry food out if need be). Divide the above daily amounts accordingly. This dry food can be soaked in hot water for 60mins to soften before feeding. Ensure fresh water is always available. Don't use commercial milks (even puppy milk) as this can cause upset stomachs. Can mix in with puppy tinned food if need be (especially if underweight). The pup may experience softened stools for the first 1-2 days with a change of diet. If this continues or if the pup isn't eating / drinking or is lethargic in any way - please contact ARQ or your vet immediately.





AFTER CARE FOR A DOG THAT HAS BEEN DESEXED

Your animal has undergone a major internal abdominal operation to remove their reproductive organs. Even though this surgery is performed commonly on dogs it should always be remembered that it is still classified as “major surgery” and owners have to be aware of this fact.

Your animal’s uneventful recovery will be greatly assisted with good aftercare.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE OPERATION

When you take your animal home they may be a little drowsy. This is quite normal following an anesthetic and surgery. The drowsiness will decrease over the next 12 – 24 hours. During this drowsy time please keep your animal in a quiet, warm place and only give small amounts of food and water to drink. If the animal is having any concerns eating, you can offer a bland diet.

Bland food is made by boiling chicken breast (250 gms) with 1 cup of white rice. Cook until the rice is “soft and fluffy”. Please be aware that some animals may vomit over the next 24 hours post anesthetic. They should be back to normal within a few days.

Unfortunately, this ability for a dog to recover from major surgery can have some disadvantages – your dog may want to run, jump and generally do everything they can to upset the healing of the wound within days of the surgery. So be aware that your dog needs to be kept quite and confined for the whole of the healing time – 10-14 days.

SWELLING AROUND THE OPERATION SITE

In females, the abdominal walls have been opened so that the surgeon could remove the necessary organs. The area has then been sutured closed with a material that will dissolve over the next few weeks as the muscles and underlying structures heal. This material may react to the body to cause a fluid buildup as the material dissolves. This fluid can cause the wound to swell. Most animals do not swell greatly but there are some who do. *This is not a hernia, even though it may look like one.*

The swelling usually maximizes at the 5th day post-surgery and as long as your animal is not in pain, the area is not hot and your animal appears to be normal then this reaction is nothing for you to worry about. Usually the swelling is reduced significantly by the 10th day and this will be checked when we remove the sutures on the 10th-14th day.

Please note: Too much activity in the first 10 days can cause excessive swelling, and possible issues with the sutures (infection, broken stitches etc). It is essential to keep the pups activity to a minimum while they heal.





CONFINEMENT IS NECESSARY

The same muscles that are used in moving are the same muscles that are sutured closed. These muscles are especially used in jumping. Unfortunately, your animal will not understand that they must rest so we need you to assist us with their recovery period.

No healing occurs for the first 5 days and then the wound and underlying sutures will heal over the next 5 days. It is important that your animal's activity is monitored for the 10 days post-surgery.

WASHING

It is not recommended that your animal is washed over the next 10 days and certainly no water or shampoo should come into contact with the wound or its sutures. If you need to, spot clean the coat with a warm washer and dry thoroughly.

PROBLEM SIGNS THAT MAY REQUIRE A VET VISIT – PLEASE CONTACT THE GRANGE VET.

Grange Vet, 12 Days Rd Grange ph 3856 4882

1. Excessively licking or biting the wound and the sutures. In this case your animal will need to have a special collar (Elizabethan collar) fitted at your vet to prevent them getting to the wound area.
2. Dull and listless especially after the first 24 hours of recovery.
3. Sudden swelling with pain over the wound (see swelling around the operation site).
4. Pus or any discharge from the wound.
5. Pain exhibited when you touch the wound after the 3rd day.
6. Your animal starting to hunch over or show abdominal discomfort after the 3rd day post-surgery.
7. Not eating normally after the 3rd day post-surgery.

STITCHES OUT

10-14 days post-surgery, the external sutures will need removing by a vet. If you have adopted a dog with sutures, you are welcomed to book an appointment and take the animal back to the desexing vet (Grange Vet, 12 Days Rd Grange ph 3856 4882) for sutures to be removed – this will be free of charge (any additional medications etc will be at your own cost).

That said, you can also take the dog to your own vet (there may or may not be a charge – please discuss directly with them).

QUESTIONS:

Please feel free to ask us anything – we are here to help.

