



CASA GRANDE RESERVE

NEW PUPPY CARE HANDBOOK

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW FAMILY MEMBER!

Congratulations on your new Cavapoo puppy from Casa Grande Reserve! We are thrilled you chose us and are committed to supporting you for the life of your dog. This handbook will help you get started on the right foot during the important first weeks and months.

FIRST 24 HOURS AT HOME

- Set up a quiet, safe space with a comfortable bed, water bowl, and a few toys.
- Take the puppy outside every 30-60 minutes to start potty training.
- Feed small, frequent meals using the same food we sent home with you.
- Give gentle praise and cuddles — avoid overwhelming the puppy with too many visitors.
- Expect some whining or restlessness the first night. This is normal as they adjust.

FEEDING SCHEDULE (First 8 Weeks)

- 8–12 weeks old: 4 meals per day
- 3–6 months old: 3 meals per day
- 6+ months old: 2 meals per day

Always provide fresh water. We recommend continuing the food we sent home with you for at least the first 1–2 weeks to avoid stomach upset. Transition slowly if changing food.



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POTTY TRAINING & SOCIALIZATION

POTTY TRAINING TIPS

- Take the puppy outside first thing in the morning, after meals, after naps, and before bedtime.
- Use a consistent phrase like “Go potty” every time you take them out.
- Praise and reward immediately when they go in the right spot.
- Crate training is highly recommended — puppies rarely soil their sleeping area.
- Accidents will happen. Never punish — just clean thoroughly and be more consistent.
- Most puppies are reliably house-trained by 6–8 months with consistent training.

SOCIALIZATION (Critical First 16 Weeks)

Expose your puppy to as many new experiences as possible in a positive way:

- Different people (adults, children, people wearing hats, etc.)
- Other friendly, vaccinated dogs
- New sounds (vacuum, blender, traffic, thunder)
- Different surfaces (grass, tile, carpet, gravel)
- Car rides, vet visits, and grooming

The goal is confident, well-adjusted adult dogs. Keep experiences positive and short at first.

BASIC TRAINING

Start early! Short, fun training sessions work best.

- Name recognition and coming when called
- Sit, stay, and loose-leash walking
- Crate training and alone-time training (very important for separation anxiety prevention)

We recommend positive reinforcement training. Ask us for trainer recommendations in your area.



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HEALTH & GROOMING

VETERINARY CARE

- Schedule a wellness exam with your veterinarian within 72 hours of bringing your puppy home.
- Follow the vaccination schedule provided by your vet.
- Start heartworm and flea/tick prevention as recommended by your veterinarian.
- Spay or neuter by 6 months of age (required per your contract).

Our recommended veterinarian: Kennel Care Veterinary Hospital
6277 W Chandler Blvd, Chandler, AZ 85226 | Phone: (480) 940-0066

GROOMING

Cavapoos have beautiful coats that require regular care to prevent matting.

- Brush several times per week with a slicker brush or comb.
- Professional grooming every 6–8 weeks is recommended.
- Start handling your puppy's paws, ears, and mouth early so grooming is less stressful later.
- Keep nails trimmed and ears clean.

We offer grooming services — ask us about our packages!

COMMON HEALTH CONCERNS IN CAVAPOOS

- Patellar luxation (kneecap issues)
- Eye conditions (progressive retinal atrophy, cataracts)
- Heart conditions (mitral valve disease)
- Hip dysplasia (less common but possible)

We health-test our parent dogs and provide a strong health guarantee. Contact us immediately if you notice any concerning symptoms. Early intervention is key.



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FIRST YEAR MILESTONES & IMPORTANT CONTACTS

FIRST YEAR MILESTONES

- 8–12 weeks: Settling in, starting potty training and basic socialization
- 3–4 months: Teething begins — provide appropriate chew toys
- 4–6 months: More confident, start formal training classes
- 6–9 months: Adolescence begins — may test boundaries, continue consistent training
- 9–12 months: Approaching adulthood — spay/neuter should be completed

We are always here to answer questions during this exciting first year!

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Breeder: Elizabeth Kelly, Casa Grande Reserve
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24/7 Pet Poison Helpline: (855) 764-7661

We are here for you and your puppy for life. Never hesitate to reach out with questions!

Thank you for choosing Casa Grande Reserve.

We look forward to watching your puppy grow and being part of your journey.