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Malamute puppies for sale near me

Puppies and babies have a lot in common: They both need around-the-clock care, they both have to be picked up after, and they both do better on a regular schedule. The advantage a puppy has over a baby is housetraining takes much less time -- that is, if you do it right.Chow time. An important part of housetraining a puppy (or adult dog, for that matter) is her feeding schedule. Since housetraining revolves around controlling what's coming out of your dog, it makes sense to begin by regulating what goes into your dog and when. This is especially important in these days of working households.When you first bring your dog home, she may be as young as seven to ten weeks old. A puppy grows quickly -- even a medium-size dog will go from two-pound pup to twenty-pound adult in six to eight months -- and needs to eat three meals a day to build that much more dog. Not surprisingly, then, her diet must provide twice the energy as an adult dog's. This means puppies should only be fed a high-quality food specially formulated for growing dogs and should get it as part of a consistent feeding and exercise schedule that fits the needs of the dog and your household.It's not a good idea to free feed your dog, leaving food out all the time. Not only does this make housetraining nearly impossible, it can also make your dog fat. A chubby puppy may look cute, but she'll be more prone to skeletal problems as she grows, especially if she's one of the larger breeds. So ask your breeder or veterinarian how much food your pup should get per day and divide that amount into three daily servings. For instance, if your Chihuahua puppy needs one cup of food daily, give her three one-third cup meals.Toilet training. Here's a model housetraining schedule for a new puppy, which also applies just as well to an older dog.At 6:00 a.m., take the puppy out of her crate and carry her outside immediately to eliminate. Bring her back inside, feed her one-third of her total food for the day, wait about 20 minutes, and then take her outside again. Praise her when she eliminates, and then head back inside for a little quality time. Put her in her crate so she can rest undisturbed while the family gets ready for work and school. The last person to leave the house should take her out to eliminate one more time.The next time to take your puppy out should be around 12:00 p.m. A puppy doesn't really develop complete bladder control until around the age of six months, so it's absolutely necessary for a young dog to have her midday walk. This is a good time for the second meal, too. If you can't be home in the middle of the day, arrange to have a neighbor or pet sitter come in. Repeat the morning ritual: Take your dog outside from the crate, praise her for elimination, have some play time, give her a feeding, and then take another trip outside within 20 minutes of the meal.At dinnertime, when everyone in the household is usually home, repeat the noon routine. This can be a good time for a walk on a leash, too. Let the dog hang out with the family during the evening, but be sure she's always under supervision. Remember, playing, eating, or drinking will stimulate the reflex to eliminate, so be sure to take the dog out after any of these activities. Take her out one more time before bed, then crate her in your bedroom.Break the habit. Once you start shaping your dog's toilet habits, you'll need to focus on another important aspect of housetraining: teaching your pooch to respect your belongings. Once again, you want to create an environment that makes success easy and failure difficult.First, use common sense: Put away anything you don't want the dog to chew on. Never give her your clothes or shoes to play with, unless you want your entire wardrobe to be fair game. Your dog can't distinguish between what's okay to use and what's off-limits.Rotate her toys so she doesn't get bored with them. Put breakables where they can't get tumbled by accidental bumps or swept to the floor by the wagging tail of a rambunctious pooch. Always crate a puppy or confine her to a puppy-proof area like the kitchen or laundry room when you're not there to supervise Correct unwanted behaviors quickly, fairly, and briefly. Always positively reinforce appropriate behavior with praise and petting. In general, you should respond to unwanted behavior in one of three ways: ignore it, interrupt it, or redirect it.Ignoring your dog is a social snub and lets her know the behavior isn't acceptable in polite circles. Give your dog the cold-shoulder treatment as part of an immediate correction for an unwanted behavior, but only keep it up for 10 to 15 minutes. (Any longer than that and your dog will have forgotten what happened.)Interrupting the behavior helps break the habit and encourages the dog to try another strategy. Interruption works best when it comes unexpectedly; otherwise it can be programmed in as part of the cycle of unwanted behavior. For example, if your dog barks at the mail carrier every day at 2:00 p.m. and your response is to go and get the shaker can, after a few days your dog will expect you to do it and just keep barking. The idea is to set up interruptions so the dog doesn't know it's coming. That way, the correction gets associated with the behavior and not with you.Redirection is a more advanced technique and should be used once your dog has learned a basic vocabulary of commands such as sit, down, off, wait, leave it, and out. Once your pooch has these commands nailed down, you can use them to stop unwanted behavior in its tracks. So when your pup starts to jump up, you can tell her, "Sit!" or "Off!" instead. When she's eyeing your shoe as a chew toy, you can tell her to leave it (or if the shoe is already in her mouth, "Out!"). The wonderful thing about redirection -- and an obedience-trained dog -- is punishment is almost never necessary. You give the redirecting command, the dog responds, and you praise her. It's a win-win situation: The unwanted behavior stops, and Fido gets to be a good dog!Now we'll move to a part of dog care that makes life more pleasant for everyone: grooming and bathing. They're covered in the next section. When a litter of puppies arrives, breeders are tasked with the job of finding loving, safe homes for the tiny dogs. To accomplish this task, sellers can use an array of avenues. Although the Internet is convenient, "for sale" signs offer a form of advertisement that can be physically posted around town for easy viewing. While signs can be created with basic information, taking the time to include details in a creative design will help your puppy "for sale" sign stand out from the crowd. Select a size for the poster. For flier-style posters that will be placed on bulletin boards, use 8.5-inch by 11-inch paper or card stock. Use larger sheets of poster board, or legal-size card stock for posters that need to be visible from a distance. Write a catchy headline for the poster in large, neat lettering. Use a thick marker or stencil if you have a tendency to write messily. Create a headline based on the breed of the dog that will draw the attention of potential buyers. Incorporate keywords like "discover" or "now available" that denote the opportunity to purchase one of your puppies is special. Affix a clear photo of the puppies to the sign using a glue stick. If the puppies have not been whelped yet, include a photo of the mother and father to give buyers an idea of what the puppies will look like. Include bullet points written in neat, clear text that outline facts about the available puppies. Outline the breed, birth date, any vaccinations that have been given, price and any requirements for spay/neuter agreements. Place contact information in a prominent location on the sign. Ideally, the sign should direct potential buyers to a website where they can learn more about the puppies and expectations of the seller. Use bright colors and easily read fonts throughout the sign to create a sign that is professional and yet eye catching. Make color copies of the completed sign on a high-quality card stock. It was nine months after Tammie McQuain's dog passed away that she finally felt ready for a new furry friend. The Los Angeles-based 51-year-old found a photo of a fluffy little teacup poodle on Pinterest named "Lisa," and clicked through to a website called MiniPoodlePupsForSale.Com. The site didn't have a phone number, while McQuain says she found "a bit odd," but it did have a detailed application form. So she filled out a contract the site sent her, agreeing to pay \$500 via Zelle for transporting the dog to her home. "They had all the steps that you think should be there," she says. At 3 a.m. the next morning, McQuain got an email from MiniPoodlePups asking her to pay \$1,500 for "insurance." They told her that since the dog was now hers, they'd turn her into authorities for endangerment if she didn't fork it over. Realizing she'd been had, McQuain contacted her bank and the police to try to get her \$500 back -- to no avail. "It could have been way worse," McQuain admits, but she's still frustrated. And she's not alone. As the days grow colder and pandemic social distancing stretches into the holiday season, many Americans are turning to animal companionship as a sort of isolation salve. Adoption rates are soaring across the country: Nielsen research reports "numerous stories of fostering facilities and shelters going empty." Meanwhile, scammers are targeting prospective pet parents with fake websites, offering dogs that don't actually exist. This scam isn't brand new, says Josh Kreinberg, Chief Administrative Officer at PuppySpot, which has vetted breeders (and people reporting to be breeders) since 2016. But there's been a marked increase in complaints about fake dog websites--at the tune of about 20 new sites a month, he estimates--since the beginning of 2020. "Prior to the pandemic, even in the holiday season, we didn't see as many," he says. Here's how the scam typically plays out, according to Kreinberg. After happening upon a fake site through social media or Google, and falling for one of the dogs, the victim reaches out about arranging an adoption. "Once they have you hooked in with cute puppy photos, a conversation via email, text, or a messenger app ensues," he says. "This is typically where the money requests begin." Soon, the scammer will request payment for the pup -- usually through a money transfer from a company like Western Union, or an app like Zelle, CashApp, or Venmo. "Scammers are never upfront with what the full cost is going to be," Kreinberg adds. Many will come up with "bogus excuses as to why your puppy can't come home, or how they need additional funds for a special travel carrier," he says. "This is usually around the time the buyer becomes skeptical and realizes they have been scammed. Unfortunately, at this point, they are out several hundred or thousand dollars with no puppy in sight." It's a traumatic experience that, for victims like McQuain, is enough to give up on the adoption process entirely -- which, in the end, deprives a real dog of a potential home. Still, in many parts of the U.S., travel restrictions and mandatory quarantines have made it next to impossible to visit an animal shelter or dog breeder in person. If you're dead-set on getting a new pooch this holiday season, Kreinberg advises doing as much research as you can before dipping into your pocket. "Trust but verify," he says. Here are some red flags to look out for. Bad Grammar The vast majority of scamming websites Kreinberg has seen come from foreign countries, where English isn't the primary language. So be on the lookout for noticeably bad grammar, misspellings, and other gaffes. Check Your Sources If you see a dog that strikes your fancy, copy or download the photo and run it through Google Images (i.e., a "reverse image search") to see if it's also posted on another site. Scammers often scrape pictures from legitimate services, so if the same photo shows up in multiple places, it's probably a racket. Also, be wary of photos that are overly-posed, look Photoshopped, or like a stock image, Kreinberg says. Requests To Wire Money Nearly every credit card company offers customer protection, which is why scammers prefer that you wire money through a cash app or transfer company like Western Union or MoneyGram instead. If a service refuses to take your credit card, Kreinberg says, "they are likely a scam." Excuses, Excuses If the company won't provide registration, vaccination, and veterinary health records upon request, or if they ask for money before providing any of that information, you're almost certainly getting scammed. Low Prices Do some research on what the average cost is for a particular breed. If the dog is offered at a much lower price than the average market value, that's a warning sign. So is asking for additional payments after the original fee has been processed. Sites like "MiniPoodlePups," which still features a picture of sweet little "Lisa" on its homepage, and Julian Shepherd Pups, which new complaints have recently put on Kreinberg's radar, demand more and more money until the buyer eventually gets hip to their scheme. Ads by Money. We may be compensated if you click this ad.AdProtect yourself from the threat of Identity Theft.With comprehensive and affordable Identity Theft Protection software, Identity Guard will secure your personal information. Click below to get the protection you deserve Get Started More from Money: The 10 Best Places to Live for Dog Lovers What Is Identity Theft, Exactly? The Ultimate Guide to Pet Insurance Costs Image: K.C. Alfred / Moment / Getty Images Ah, puppies. What's not to love about them?Puppies are some of the world's cutest, cuddliest and most curious little balls of fur -- and with hundreds of different breeds all over the world, there's plenty of pups to keep you entertained (and they're all doggone good at doing so!).While most dog lovers can agree you can never have enough puppies, the number a dog can have in a litter varies depending on the breed and the mother's age. One Mastiff mom named Tia holds the record for largest litter with a whopping 24 puppies born at once! Talk about puppy love.It may be hard to believe, but puppies have more benefits beyond just being adorable. Puppies are known for making mental, physical and social paws-itive impacts, including helping people stay active or manage depression. Outside of just being an adorable collection of pixels, even puppy pictures are good for your health. 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