



## Welcome to the El Silencio Family

**Standard Poodles bred with intention, health, and heart.**

## Complete Puppy Welcome Packet

**Important Information**

**Please read all pages**



# Feeding & Nutrition Guide

Your puppy has been started on **Victor High Energy Dog Food**. Maintaining consistency during the first several weeks is critical for digestive health. General Guidelines:

- Free-Feed or Feed a minimum of 4 meals per day
- Provide fresh water at all times
- Avoid sudden food changes

## Treat Guidance for El Silencio Puppies

Puppies have **very sensitive digestive systems**, especially during the first weeks in a new home. Treats should be introduced **slowly and carefully** to avoid stomach upset.

### **!** Important Guidelines

- **Avoid treats entirely for the first couple of weeks** after bringing your puppy home. Their digestive system is still adjusting to new surroundings, routines, and stress.
- When treats are introduced:
  - Offer **very few per day**
  - Use **small, soft pieces only**
  - Treats should never replace meals
- **Only feed treats that are:**
  - **Non-chicken** (chicken is a common trigger for digestive upset and allergies)
  - **Made in the USA**
  - High quality with minimal ingredients
- **DO NOT feed rawhide – ever.**
  - Rawhide poses serious risks including choking, intestinal blockage, and digestive irritation.
  - Rawhide offers no nutritional benefit and is not safe for puppies.

## Why This Matters

Puppies' stomachs are easily disrupted. Overfeeding treats, introducing them too early, or using low-quality products can quickly result in diarrhea, vomiting, or appetite loss.

Keeping treats limited and high quality helps:

- Maintain healthy digestion
- Reduce stress-related stomach upset
- Support proper growth and development

## Best Practice

For training in the early weeks, **kibble from your puppy's regular food** can be used instead of treats. This minimizes digestive issues while still reinforcing positive behavior.

# The First Week at Home

Adjustment takes time. Mild whining, disrupted sleep, and hesitation are normal. Establish routine, keep things calm, and offer reassurance.

## **Call your vet if:**

- Refusal to eat for over 24 hours
- Persistent vomiting or diarrhea
- Extreme lethargy

## Puppy Adjustment Period (The 3-3-3 Rule)

### **First 3 Days**

Your puppy may feel overwhelmed during the first few days in their new home. Signs of hesitation, fear, or anxiety are completely normal. Keep the environment calm, limit stimulation, and give your puppy space to quietly observe their surroundings and co-habitants while they begin to feel safe.

### **Next 3 Weeks**

As your puppy starts to settle in, they will become more comfortable and begin to understand their daily routine. Confidence grows during this stage. Gentle structure, basic training, and consistent positive reinforcement help build trust and encourage good habits.

### **First 3 Months**

By this time, your puppy is well adjusted to their environment and the people in their lives. Their true personality begins to emerge as they integrate into the household. Ongoing training, bonding, and consistency are essential for long-term success and a strong human-canine relationship.

# Vaccination & Deworming Information

Your puppy has received age-appropriate preventative care to support a healthy start in life.

## Vaccination History

- DHPP (Distemper/Parvovirus) Booster – 1st dose  
Administered at six (6) weeks of age

## Deworming History

- Pyrantel Pamoate administered at:
  - 2 weeks of age
  - 4 weeks of age
  - 6 weeks of age

## Ongoing Veterinary Care

- Your puppy will require the next booster vaccination between 9–10 weeks of age.
- Additional booster shots will be needed according to your veterinarian's recommended schedule.
- Owners should consult their veterinarian regarding:
  - Future vaccination timing
  - Continued deworming protocols
  - Flea, tick, and parasite prevention appropriate for age and weight

Vaccination and parasite prevention schedules may vary based on geographic location, lifestyle, and individual health needs. Always follow the guidance of your licensed veterinarian to ensure optimal protection.



# Grooming & Coat Care

Standard Poodles require **consistent and ongoing grooming** to maintain healthy skin and coat. Begin gentle brushing immediately to help your puppy become comfortable with handling and regular care.

Professional grooming should be scheduled **every 4–6 weeks once all vaccinations are complete**. Until it is safe to visit a professional groomer, you may bathe your puppy at home as needed.

When bathing at home:

- Use **high-quality shampoo and conditioner specifically formulated for dogs or puppies**
- **Do NOT use dishwashing liquid** or any product not labeled for canine use, as these can severely dry and irritate the skin

Early grooming routines help prevent matting, support coat health, and create positive experiences that will benefit your puppy throughout life.

## Includes:

- Regular brushing and combing
- Bathing with appropriate canine products
- Nail trimming
- Ear care and maintenance
- Gradual introduction to professional grooming

## Recommended Grooming Tools

- **Long pin brush** (ideal for curly and dense coats)
- **Metal comb with fine and coarse teeth**
- **Canine ear wipes** for routine ear maintenance
- **Dog dental brush or dental wipes** to support oral health



# AKC Registration

The breeder will supply the AKC Registration Application Form for your puppy.

Registering your puppy with the American Kennel Club (AKC) is an important step in documenting your dog's pedigree and preserving the integrity of the breed. AKC registration provides official recognition of your puppy as a purebred Standard Poodle and serves as permanent identification within the AKC registry.

## Why AKC Registration Is Important

- Confirms pedigree and lineage, helping maintain breed standards and responsible breeding practices
- Provides official proof of purebred status
- Allows participation in AKC events, including conformation (solid colors only), performance, and companion sports (as eligible)
- Helps support responsible dog ownership and ethical breeding
- Ensures your puppy's information is properly recorded and traceable for life

## Limited vs. Full Registration

### Limited Registration

Most pet puppies are placed with **AKC Limited Registration**. This means:

- The dog is registered with the AKC as a purebred
- Offspring produced by the dog **cannot be registered with the AKC**
- The dog **may still participate** in most AKC performance and companion events (such as obedience, rally, agility, and more)

Limited Registration helps protect the breed and ensures puppies are bred intentionally and responsibly.

### Full Registration

Full Registration is reserved for puppies approved by the breeder for breeding or show purposes. This means:

- The dog and any eligible offspring may be registered with the AKC
- Breeding rights are granted only with breeder approval
- Additional terms or agreements may apply

Registration type is determined by the breeder and outlined in the purchase contract.

Registering your puppy also adds value by creating a verified record that can be referenced for health, training, and competition purposes.

Owners are encouraged to complete the AKC registration promptly after bringing their puppy home.



# Lifetime Commitment & Return Policy

El Silencio puppies are bred with care, intention, and lifelong responsibility. As part of that commitment, any puppy or dog bred by El Silencio must never be surrendered to a shelter, rescue, or similar facility.

## Important Terms

- El Silencio puppies and dogs always have a home at El Silencio.  
If, at any point in the dog's life, the owner is unable to keep the dog, the breeder must be contacted immediately so proper arrangements can be made.
- Puppies and dogs may not be sold, rehomed, or transferred without notifying the breeder.  
This ensures the dog's safety, well-being, and continued placement in an appropriate home.
- El Silencio puppies and dogs may never be sold or transferred to a pet shop, broker, or commercial reseller.  
Such placements are strictly prohibited.

These policies exist to protect the well-being of every El Silencio dog and to uphold the standards of ethical breeding and responsible ownership. By honoring this commitment, owners help ensure that each dog remains safe, cared for, and valued for life.

# A Final Note from El Silencio

Welcoming a puppy into your home is the beginning of a lifelong journey built on trust, patience, and commitment. Your El Silencio Standard Poodle has been carefully bred, raised, and prepared for this next chapter, and we are honored to be part of that journey with you.

The information in this packet is designed to support you during the transition period and beyond. Puppies thrive with structure, consistency, and understanding. Allow your puppy the time they need to adjust, grow, and develop confidence at their own pace.

Please remember:

- Adjustment takes time – progress is not always linear
- Consistency builds security
- Patience and positive reinforcement create lasting bonds

When you bring home an El Silencio puppy, you are never on your own. We are always happy to offer guidance, answer questions, and celebrate milestones along the way.

Thank you for providing a loving, responsible home and for honoring the standards and care behind every El Silencio Standard Poodle.

With appreciation,

El Silencio Standard Poodles

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