

Emryld Siberians at Shamrock Trails Ranch

First Veterinary visit:

- Make your first veterinary visit as soon as possible.
- Get started with Heartgard and FrontLine immediately to keep your puppy free of worms and ticks.
- Vaccinate your pet on your vet's recommended schedule. We recommend 6½ weeks, 10 weeks, and 14 weeks.
- Rabies vaccinations start at 16 weeks / 4 months of age.

Grooming:

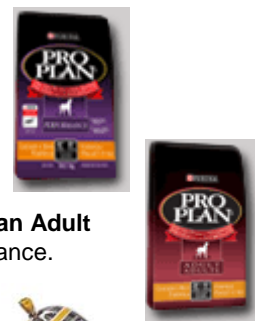
- Use Humectress on Red/white sibes to keep their coats from getting sunburned. Mix approximately 1 part Humectress and 2 parts water until it sprays through a mister and use it daily when the sun is brightest.
- NEVER shave your Siberian. Their coat keeps them warm in winter and cool in summer.
- Use a coat **rake** to remove fluff from a Siberian when they are dropping coat in spring and fall.

Spay/Neuter:

- We recommend performing this operation as early as your vet will allow you. Usually that is at 16 weeks of age. Altered pets tend to be happier and live longer than their un-altered counterparts.
- Neuter males before they learn to lift their legs to mark.
- Spay females before their first season.

Feeding:

- Until 4 months of age free feed or feed three (3) times per day.
- From 4-10 months of age feed two (2) times per day.
- From 10 months on feed 1½ to 2½ cups of high quality adult food once per day.
- Dry food—**Purina Pro Plan Performance** (purple bag). You can switch to the **Purina Pro Plan Adult** (red bag) formula at 6 months of age. If your puppy is very active he should stay on Performance.
<http://www.purina.ca/products/proplan>
- Treats—**Red Barn Chicken & Liver Roll** are the best we've found. Order at a feed store or from <http://www.redbarninc.com>
- **Never** feed a large breed dog food to a Siberian.



Chew Toys:

- Teething begins at 12 weeks, can last until 10 months.
- During that time the puppy will chew nearly anything that is not secured.
- Crate or kennel when not there to watch unless there is nothing in the room that is harmful or that can be harmed.
- RAWHIDE chews that are flatter or have knots on the ends can be dangerous because they can un-wrap and lodge in your dog's throat which is a choking hazard.
- **Target Pet Essentials** pressed rawhide bones and rawhide sticks are an excellent choice.

Collar:

- If collars are kept on your dog all the time, use an adjustable collar with breakaway clasp. Check it often to be sure it is still large enough. We use slip-chain collars only when needed to take the dogs on walks.

Collar Tags:

- Can be purchased at PetSmart or PetCo or online. There are some great flat collars available
- Be sure to include your name and phone number, as well as the microchip number.

AVID Microchip:

- Your microchip is registered to us as the breeder. You can add your name and address to this registration as well. There are two primary registries for AVID microchips
- Register with PETtrac by calling 800-336-2843 for a form
- Register with AKC by visiting web site at <https://www.akc.org/love/car/carform.cfm>

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