

# TANNHÄUSER

## GERMAN SHEPHERD DOGS

### GETTING READY FOR PUPPY

I am often asked “what should I have for my puppy?” and “what’s the safest way to bring them home in my car?”

The items listed below are the basics you’ll need and I’ve included guidance on the ride home.

There are specific product recommendations on my website SHOP pages for these basics and more. Tannhäuser does not sell online. These SHOP pages offer links (and comments and sometimes photos or video of some of my dogs playing with them) to products that I and / or my customers have found thru experience are great items for your German Shepherd Dog.

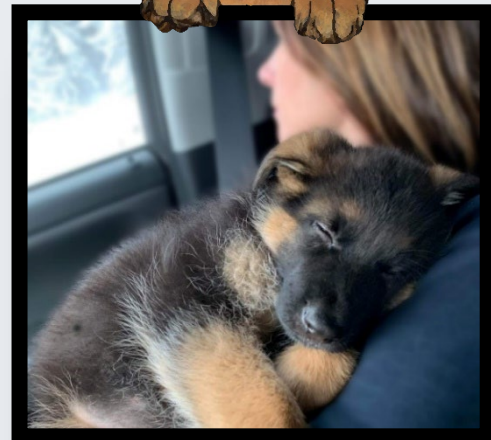
You may find other things you love for your pup, please feel free to email me (tannhausersgd@mindspring.com) and let me know. Send a photo of your pup with the item and you may see it up on my website with your recommendation!

<https://tannhausershepherds.com/index.php/shop>

-- *Debra Hughes*

### PUPPY BASICS

- A crate or wire kennel
- High-quality kibble and canned food
- High-quality treats and chews
- A collar, harness, and leash
- Food / water bowls
- Toys
- Poop bags



### ON THE WAY HOME

Realize your puppy is leaving their mother and littermates and riding in a car for the first time with unfamiliar people.

They are not crate trained, so putting them in a crate would be a traumatic experience. A harness / seat belt should not be used on such a young puppy.

Instead, put your puppy on a thick blanket next to a human in the back seat.

You could also bring some special high-quality treats for the ride.

## TRAINING YOUR PUPPY

I believe in positive reinforcement and the use of a marker (like the word 'YES' or a clicker) when training. My dogs are smart, *really* smart and with consistent, positive training they excel.

Some of my customers do start their puppy immediately in training classes. These classes are designed specifically for very young puppies and ensure an environment appropriate and safe for their age. They require shot records for enrollment. The AKC class called "Puppy S.T.A.R." (S.T.A.R. stands for 'socialization, training, activity and responsible owner' as the pillars of good puppy ownership) includes work on puppy and owner behaviors to ensure your puppy's needs are met and to prepare your companion for a happy, well-mannered adulthood. Group classes in beginning obedience generally do not have these safeguards and should wait until your puppy has had all the appropriate shots to be out in public. Your veterinarian will advise you on that.

I do not recommend inquiring with your veterinarian about training. That is not their area of expertise. You will want a trainer who is certified, at minimum, with "CPDT" (Certified Professional Dog Trainer) after their name. If they have the CPDT-KA (Knowledge Assessed) that is even better. These trainers must take a test, are screened by other certified trainers and they must do so many hours of continued education in the field of dog training.

You can find a list of these trainers thru The Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT) website.

<https://apdt.com/>



## PUPPY FOOD



I feed and recommend a high-quality holistic dog food, FROMM Puppy and Adult Gold. FROMM was established in 1904. FROMM food has no corn, wheat, soy, grain fractions or by products

and is naturally preserved. It is enhanced with probiotics to aid digestion and salmon oil for a healthy coat.

My dogs love the duck, chicken, lamb, whole eggs and Wisconsin cheese in the food.

This line of food is available thru many specialty dog stores or online thru Amazon and on the FROMM website.

<https://www.gofromm.com/gold-dog>

I also recommend you get some high-quality canned dog food in chicken and rice or turkey flavors that are easily digested for young puppies and add interest to meals. Brands like FROMM, Nature's Domain, Blue Buffalo, Nutro and more have products that do not contain any grain, gluten, by-product meals, corn, wheat, soy, artificial flavors, or preservatives.

Look for these same qualities in your treats and chews. I do not recommend rawhide chews for German Shepherd Dogs due to the difficulty in digesting them and the risk of choking or blockage of the esophagus or other parts of their digestive system.

**ARE YOU  
READY FOR  
YOUR NEW  
COMPANION?**

Any questions you have, I'm here. Always feel free to call me or email me.

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