



## Caring for your New American Bully Puppy

Your Bully is considered a puppy from 8 weeks to 6 months. The most important part of raising a Bully, is proper nutrition and health care. The tips below are a general summary that will give you some brief rules to ensure proper growth and health. Always consult a veterinarian for any serious questions or concerns you may have.

### VACCINATION

Your puppy will receive their first vaccination between 6 and 8 weeks old, and booster shots will be given once every 3 weeks until your puppy is 15 to 18 weeks old (depending on when vaccinations were started). A booster vaccination is administered after the first year and every third year following that. Ask your local vet what is needed in your area.

Once a year have your vet do a complete health check on your Bully. Sample vaccination schedule on the following page.



Puppy's Age	Recommended Vaccinations	Optional Vaccinations
6 — 8 weeks	Distemper, parvovirus	Bordetella
10 — 12 weeks	DHPP (vaccines for distemper, adenovirus [hepatitis], parainfluenza, and parvovirus)	Influenza, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease per lifestyle as recommended by veterinarian
16 — 18 weeks	DHPP, rabies	Influenza, Lyme disease, Leptospirosis, Bordetella per lifestyle
12 — 16 months	DHPP, rabies	Coronavirus, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease
Every 1 — 2 years	DHPP	Influenza, Coronavirus, Leptospirosis, Bordetella, Lyme disease per lifestyle
Every 1 — 3 years	Rabies (as required by law)	none



## **WORMING**

Dogs can be infected with a few different types of worms. It is always best to have your vet do a fecal check to see if your dog is infected with any worms, parasites, or bacteria.

We recommend having your dog checked every three months.

You should also have your vet start them on a heart worm preventative at 4 months. Some of these contain medications to kill other worm varieties as well as heart worm. Some are even effective for fleas and ticks, ask your vet to show you the different options they have.

You should always repeat a worming 14 days after the initial worming. Tape worms require a 3 day treatment. Always have your dog checked on a regular basis.

## **NUTRITION**

For Bullies under a year we recommend a high protein, high fat, quality food. Check your ingredients, the first 3 listed ingredients should be a form of meat. We recommend a high quality food with at least 20% fat content or higher, and at least 30% protein content or higher.

There are a lot of premium pet foods on the market that will have these ingredients.

Quantity will depend on your dog, it is best to feed an american bully puppy as much as they will eat. We also recommend feeding them three times a day, or free feeding all day long.

Try and keep some fat on your Bully puppy this will aid in proper growth.



As your Bully gets older, their feeding patterns will change. After a year to a year  $\frac{1}{2}$ , you should feed your dog enough to maintain a full look, but not over weight. Their metabolism will change on its own, and you will see the puppy fat change into muscle.

For dogs under a year and females we also recommend giving a calcium supplement, or some breeders add powdered all purpose fee milk to their food. Either one is a good source of calcium.

Vitamins and vitamin supplements are good for dogs of all ages. There are different vitamins for different purposes and ages. Use one according to your dogs age. A multi purpose vitamin is recommended for the entire life of your Bully.

There are many other nutritional supplements on the market, we recommend trying some out and seeing how they work for your Bully.

Always make sure your Bully has access to fresh water at all times. We recommend replacing the water ever 4-6 hours.

### **EXERCISING AND TRAINING**

Make sure you Bully gets exercise daily. We recommend at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour each time, and at least 3 times a day at a minimal. Some people like to play fetch, this is a great form of exercise. If possible, swimming is by far the best of all exercises. Your dog need to walk and work its limbs every day, so make sure they get adequate walks daily.

It is very important that your Bully gets at least a  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour of natural sunlight each day.

Always remember to be careful on hot days, keep your Bully cool and hydrated.

Always watch for signs of overheating and excursion.

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Toys and chew toys, there are a variety of good ones, from tug toys to indestructible chew toys. We recommend ones large enough that cannot be swallowed and not have pieces bitten off. ALWAYS supervise your dog with a toy, and never leave them alone with one of their toys unsupervised!

Always socialize your American Bullies from puppy hood with children and other dogs. Never abuse your dog or use contact as a form of correction. Always have them interact with children, and never allow them to play bite with a child. Teach them young, that children are their friends.

When training your dog, remember, this breed is the most loyal of all breeds. Their main goal is to please their owners. Having your dog respond for praise is the best method. Never train your Bully by hitting, corrections should be quick and to the point, and while on a leash. Consult a trainer that teaches you to train your dog, that uses praise for reward, and teaches your dog to respond and interact to you. Praise and affection should be the only rewards needed. This breed was created to be the ultimate companion, make sure if you own one, you are the same to them. Love your Bully and give your American Bully love, affection, and most important, attention. The Bullies are the ideal companions, treat them right and they will be the best companions a family or owner could ever have.

These are some tips that can help ensure a healthy and happy Bully, always consult a vet or professional trainer for any more serious questions you many have.

Please feel free to reach out to us directly for any further questions or support you may require for your puppy.