Process

Reference

Concept

**Preparation**

* Understanding your Housing’s Pet Policies: *Are puppies allowed? Is there a pet deposit? What are the rules for cleaning up after your dog? Are the neighbors ok with having a dog? Where are the nearest dog parks?*
* ###How to find a puppy? *Where are the best breeders for the specific breed? How much does the puppy cost? How much am I willing to pay? How much does adoption cost? Are shots and neutering included? Does the dog I’ll adopt have a history? Do I want to look at a local shelter, or for a specific breed farther away?*
  + How to choose which dog is right for you: *What breed? What needs does the breed have vs what I can give? What are the health risks that that dog has? What maintenance does the dog require? Adult dog, or puppy? Male or female? AKC registered, or does it matter? Rescue pet or full breed? Can I afford the dog? When can I get him? How many can I have?*
* ####How to prepare your house for your puppy: *Has the puppy been crate trained before? Can I take some time off to ensure the puppy will be ok? Where will the puppy sleep? Is the bed an ok place? Is it better if he cries/whines or should I attend to him?*
  + Puppy Proofing? *Poisonous plants and food, cleaning equipment, cords away and things that the puppy could chew on, safe room that can be closed or gated, water hazards (pool/heater)*
* Cost of Owning a Dog: *How much does the actual dog cost? How much are vet visits and shots? How much is food going to cost? How much are accessories and toys going to cost? Do I need money put aside for emergency vet visits? How much are pet deposits? Do I need to board the puppy or pay for airline? Crates?*

**Training**

* Crate Training: *What size crate? Where to put the crate? Expert opinion on crate training. What do you put on the floor of the crate? How many hours in the crate? What to do when the puppy whines?*
* How to housetrain your puppy: *What is the best way to train? Are there products that can help with it? Is it just diligence? When should I take him out? How often do I have to let him out? Do I have to wake up during the night? Can I just put a diaper on the dog and forget it?*
* How to Socialize Your Dog: *Does the socialization depend on the breed or individual temperment? Should I take my dog to a park or a day care?*
* Basic training: *Best way to do it? Try it at home or classes? How long does it take to teach your dog? What sort of rewards work best?*
  + Sit: *What kind of reward? Voice or hand commands?*
  + Come: ^
  + Stay: ^

**Wellness**

* Feeding Your Puppy: *Is it best to feed your puppy on demand or schedule feed him? How often should I feed him? Can you overfeed a puppy? What do I feed him?*
* Unsafe Food: *How do I store foods away? What foods are poisonous? What foods can make the dog sick? What foods are dangerous? Is there poison control for pets? Should you call or take your dog to the vet? What are the signs of poisoning? What can I do to help?*
* Weight: *How much weight fluctuation is normal? How much more do I need to feed him? Why is he underweight? Why is my dog overweight (food, illness, under-exercised)?*
* Exercise: *How much exercise does my dog need? How often?*
* Preventative care: *What lifestyle changes should I make? Microchipping?*
  + Spaying and Neutering: *What age should the puppy be neutered? How much does it cost? How quickly do they recuperate? How to care for them after they are neutered?*
  + Vaccines: *What vaccines are required by law? What vaccines are required for my specific dog in my specific situation (location / living with other dogs)? How many? What series? Safety? Possible side effects?*

**Health Concerns Seb : *Who is the best vet? How often does he need a checkup?***

* Fleas: *How to get rid of them? Can I get them? How to prevent them?*
* Ticks: *How to get a tick off without hurting them? What is the disease potential for me? What is the disease potential for my dog? How do I prevent it?*
* Vomiting: *Is there anything in his environment that caused him? When does the vet want to see him? Does he have other symptoms? How do I keep him hydrated?*
* Diarrhea: *How do I treat it? Is it contagious? How do I keep them hydrated? How do I clean up?*
* Dental Issues: *How can I prevent dental issues? How to clean teeth? How often does he need dental care at the vet’s office?*
* Carsickness: *Do dogs get carsick? How can I prevent it?*

**Grooming molly : *Self-care or groomer? How much does a groomer cost? How often do they need to be groomed?***

* Cleaning ears: *How do I clean the ears? Are there special products? What do I need?*
* Cleaning eyes: Is this an infection? How should I clean the eyes? Does the vet need to see him about this issue?
* Cleaning teeth: *What kind of toothbrush? What kind of toothpaste? How do I do it? Dental chew bones?*
* Cleaning coat: *Baths? Groomer? How often? Hose or bathtub?*
* Clipping nails: *How to clip nails without hurting the dog? Nail file or clippers? Should the vet or groomer do it?*