



Samoyed Quebec

Your Puppy's Starter Manual

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1. Important Concept

Here is an important concept to remember for all the procedures you do with your puppy:

“IGNORE BAD BEHAVIOR AND REWARD GOOD BEHAVIOR”

Think about what you would like him to do in place of the bad behaviors and teach him to do those by reinforcing the good behaviors with treats, petting and showing your joy.

Quickly your puppy will do what you want because he wants to please you and the bad behavior will disappear. The focus will be on learning good behavior and the puppy will have a few things to gain and lose interest in bad behavior as it won't pay off for him.

2. Education

The Samoyed is a very intelligent dog. The education of your Samoyed must **ABSOLUTELY** be based on the reinforcement of the behaviors and not on the punishment. The Samoyed has a reputation for being stubborn but usually the people who give him this reputation use punishment rather than reinforcement to educate him. By using positive and negative reinforcement (add something - Positive, take something away or even be - Negative), your Samoyed will quickly understand what you want him to do and how it will be worth doing so he will do it quickly. Make sure you find a dog trainer who will help you set up a good education based on reinforcement principles.

Education must be a tool to create a bond of trust with your dog and not to destroy this bond.

Trust your dog and show him that he can trust you and you will develop a good, lasting relationship with him.

Note: Make sure your dog trainer understands your desire because some say they use reinforcement methods and add punishment in education. If you let that, your dog will rebel and your relationship with him will pay the price.

3. The first days with your puppy

Before his arrival:

Prepare a cozy place for him (basket, bed, cage, enclosure, etc.),

Safe environment: ensure there are no plants toxic to your pup, remove all access to electrical wires and ensure that there are no small objects nearby that your pup could ingest and choke.

Install a barrier to prevent your puppy's access to rooms that will be prohibited for him until he is educated.

At the arrival :

Bring your puppy to the place where he will need to relieve himself. Stay there for a few minutes. If he relieves himself, congratulate him very vigorously so that he understands that you are very happy even if you look strange to your neighbors because your puppy will already associate this behavior with defecating outside as something you love. If after several minutes, it does nothing, bring it back some time later to exactly the same place.

It is important to always go through the same door so that your puppy quickly understands to walk towards this door to ask you to leave.

Then show him his bed. Give him a few minutes to familiarize himself with his new surroundings.

Keep calm. The first few days are particularly stressful for your puppy. Avoid receiving too many visitors these first days. It's important to get your new puppy used to your daily routine quickly. Act with him as you will when he is older. If you don't want him to get into bed for example when he's older then don't do it when he's little because he'll want to go later. So be consistent in your actions.

Limit the periods of play: 15-30 minutes 2 to 3 times a day for the period when he is still small.

If possible, wait a day or two to introduce him to your other pets. By the time this meeting will take place, go there gently and let them discover each other freely.

We advise you to listen to these videos to facilitate this important step:

- Introduce your puppy to your adult dog: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vllP2QxsBtk>
- Introduce your puppy to your cat: <https://youtu.be/gJYCKjKkXo>

2. The first nights

Expect your puppy to cry for the first 3 nights after arrival (sometimes it's fine on the first day, it varies from puppy to puppy). He must learn to sleep alone, far from his mother, his brothers, and sisters, in an unknown place.

Don't make him sleep with you in your bed at least at first if you don't want him to later. Otherwise, he will learn to become dependent on you.

Make him sleep in his basket or cage or enclosure, taking care to leave toys and a piece of fabric impregnated with your scent there. It can be an old sweater or a blanket. If he cries, ignore him. If this crying becomes too intense or unbearable for you, go to the same room as him after ignoring him for at least 5 minutes. Don't talk to him, don't look at him or touch him. just sleep in the same room as him to reassure him. If he's sleeping in a basket and he's coming towards you, just ignore him without talking to him.

For the nights to go well, it is essential that your puppy learns to manage loneliness well. Also be aware that your puppy may need to go out to relieve himself every 3 hours at first.

Here is a very interesting little YouTube video to help you with the arrival of your puppy:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=474IH1XsdUY>

3. The cleanliness

In order to get an idea of your puppy's retention capacity, here is a simple calculation during the day. Just do your puppy's age (in months) + 1 and you get his retention capacity in hours. Example at 3 months, it's 3+1= 4 hours of detention

During the day, he will need to go out after eating, drinking, playing or when he wakes up. Also, watch his actions. If he sniffs the ground or runs in circles, he probably wants to relieve himself.

Do not scold your puppy in the event of an incident. Simply take it by bringing it to the place where it needs to relieve itself. Do not forget the 1st great concept! Ignore bad behavior and reinforce good behavior! So when he does it outside it is very important to always congratulate him!

At night, do not talk to him, otherwise he will keep you out for hours. Your little Samoyed is very intelligent and finds plenty of ways to manipulate you ☹

We advise you to read these few links in order to complete your learning about the canine universe.

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4. Socialization



During this period of confinement attributable to COVID-19, we offer you an interesting link to properly socialize your puppy despite the ban on social contact.

Here are some other interesting links:

Link 1 - [COVID-19] Successful socialization of your puppy during quarantine

<https://www.demaindemaitre.ca/socialisation-socialiser-chiot-guarantaine-coronavirus/>

Link 2 - Survival Guide: My New Puppy!

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3AscDs%3AUS%3A0a1f01cd-aeba-4f4d-a2bd-e28312a21eb9>

Link 3 - The socialization of the dog

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3AscDs%3AUS%3A44b79242-a268-413e-95c0-af7fc903dff0>

Link 4 – The Puppy Guide, 5 tips for successful socialization

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3AscDs%3AUS%3A13541457-8ce6-419c-9da9-f8a823e240a0>

Link 5 – Cohabitation between dogs and cats: To make the dream come true

https://www.demaindemaitre.ca/introduction-presentation-chien-chat/?fbclid=IwAR1qXlwz90iBOKDmrBPS5a9BNyFS7XgWgnho8fv3l7KTQ6xRp3PZo_7szB4

5. Feeding your puppy

Until the age of 1 year, your puppy will need puppy food that meets his growth needs. The Samoyed is a dog that eats little at a time but eats often. It is very important to leave his food and water available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. At times he will have growth spurts and he will need to eat more, and this is normal, and this solution will allow him to have optimal growth. So, it's very easy to manage, fill the bowls and as soon as its empty, fill the bowls again. The Samoyed will manage on its own and will only eat what it needs.

Despite a higher prevalence in large dogs than in the breed of your new puppy, avoid excessive exertion after a meal as this is a possible cause of stomach torsion-dilatation.

If you plan to change the brand of his croquettes, a transition period is **ESSENTIAL** to avoid digestive problems such as diarrhea.

- 75% of the old food + 25% of the new for 4 to 7 days
- If all goes well then 50% of the old food + 50% of the new for 4 to 7 days
- If all is well, switch to 25% old food + 75% new for 4-7 days
- Eventually, if her stools are fine, you can switch to 100% of the new food.

Here are some interesting YouTube links to help you with your new puppy:

Link 1 - On learning to be alone:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4a7B4O9qpg>

Link 2 - Train your puppy:

A- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XJgaXUvjd0&t=470s>

B- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wqll2P4E3mM>

C- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLAuml7pasQ>

D- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLAuml7pasQ>

6. First aid

Keep in mind that your VETERINARIAN is the first resource you should contact in case of doubts or health problems in your dog. However, here are some interesting concepts to know.

Pad injuries:

Put 1 capful of 4% Chlorhexidine in 1 cup of water and soak your dog's paw in it twice a day for 3 or 4 days.

Claw injury:

Apply a coagulation powder (available at all pet stores) and maintain pressure for 5 to 10 minutes.

Diarrhea :

CAUTION, in a young puppy, it is best to quickly consult a veterinarian since he represents a risk of rapid dehydration. Also pay attention to changes in food which can cause diarrhea. That being said, here is something to stop the diarrhea.

a. 6 hour fast without water

After this, introduce between 1/4 and 1/2 cup of clear water or rice water. If your dog tolerates it well, give several times a day. If he vomits it, start the fast again.

b. 12 hour fast without food

After this time, give 1 tbsp. commercial food for gastroenteritis or of this preparation

- Boil lean ground beef until cooked through.
- Remove and discard water and fat
- Cook white rice
- Mix 3 portions of rice for 2 portions of ground beef.

If your animal has tolerated this quantity well, wait 1 hour give 2 tbsp. table. This will allow you to increase the amount of food every 2 hours.

*** Only give this food for 3 days then reintroduce regular food gradually over a period of 7 to 7 days. ***

Ingestion of toxic substance for the dog:

****consult a veterinarian quickly****

While waiting for the veterinarian, if the ingestion occurred less than 3 hours ago:

- 1- Feed cane food
- 2- Once he has eaten a minimum, make your dog vomit using 3% hydrogen peroxide. Use between 2 and 5 ml per kg of dog weight for a maximum of 40 ml. Do not repeat more than once.

WARNING, do not induce vomiting if the intoxication is secondary to the ingestion of corrosive or caustic products.

- Allergies: You can administer 1 to 2 mg / kg of Benadryl for children
- Rehydration recipe: 1 liter of water, 1/2 c. sugar and 1/2 tsp. salt tea

DANGEROUS for the dog:



POMMES de TERRE CRUES Endommagement de l'appareil urinaire	AIL & OIGNON Vomissements, Anémie, Tachycardie	AVOCAT Inflammation du pancréas
RAISINS FRAIS & SECS Troubles intestinaux, Dégradation des reins	CHOU & NAVET Diarrhée, Troubles digestifs	THON Dégradation des reins, Troubles cardiaques
CERISES (Noyaux) Vomissements, Diarrhée	ALIMENTS DANGEREUX Pour les chiens et chats	CHAMPIGNONS Tremblements, Décès
JAMBON Inflammation du pancréas (trop gras)	OS CUITS Les os, Vomissements, Etouffement	BLANC OEUF CRU Détruit la vitamine B
CAFÉ Palpitations, Crise cardiaque	CAFÉ Palpitations, Crise cardiaque	NOIX DE MACADAMIA Attaque : système nerveux, digestif, os
CHOCOLAT Vomissements, Diarrhée, Convulsions	ALCOOL Vomissements, Problèmes cardiaques	LAIT Vomissements, Diarrhée, Problèmes intestinaux

7. Samoyed Grooming

Visit our website at the following link to find out more:

Link 1 – Samoyed Grooming

<http://www.samoyedequebec.com/en/pages/grooming.html>

8. Answer to Frequently Asked Questions:

1- **Question :** How long can my puppy take walks

Answer : it is necessary to calculate 5 min per month of age. So, at 2 months, it's 10 min and at 6 months it's 30 min. From one year there is no longer a limit.

2- **Question :** When can I start brushing my dog or brushing his teeth?

Answer : From day one with your pup even if he doesn't seem to need it. This way, he will be used to being brushed when the moulting period comes.

3- **Question :** Can my puppy climb stairs or do exercises like pulling a Sled or other load?

Answer : As long as your puppy is less than a year old, it is best to avoid this type of activity as much as possible because his bones and muscles are not fully developed. If it is done at a young age, he could develop problems such as hip dysplasia or a cruciate ligament injury or others that will require expensive surgery. So the first year, you have to pay attention to that. Here is a chart as a reference guide:

Durée de l'activité physique chez le chiot							
ACTIVITE PHYSIQUE	2 mois	3mois	4 mois	5 mois	6 mois	12+	18+
Escaliers	interdit	interdit	interdit	interdit	modéré	ok	ok
Promenade	15 mins	20 mins	25 min	30 mins	45 mins	1h et +	1h et +
Jeux de "balle"	5 mins	10 mins	15 mins	20 mins	25 mins	30 mins	45 mins
Randonnée	10 mins	15 mins	20 mins	25 mins	35 mins	60 mins	1h et +
Frisbee	interdit	interdit	interdit	interdit	interdit	20 min	40 mins
Agility éveil chiot	10 mins	15 mins	15 mins	20 mins	30 mins		
Agility	interdit	interdit	interdit	interdit	interdit	30 mins	60 mins
Canicross	interdit	interdit	interdit	interdit	interdit	30 mins	60 mins
Canicross	interdit	interdit	interdit	interdit	interdit	30 mins	60 mins
Flyball	interdit	interdit	interdit	interdit	interdit	30 mins	60 mins

4- **Question :** What type of harness or collar do you suggest for walking?

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Answer : Prefer Halti type harnesses for walking, but make sure you understand how to install it for it to be effective and not to hurt your dog. A standard harness is also possible but remember that as your Samoyed grows it will be a real 4X4 and will have a lot of traction, so it is important to start early to teach him to walk next to you.

6- **Question :** If my puppy does not have his up-to-date vaccine, can he meet dogs or go in the woods?

Answer : It is best to avoid going into the woods so that he does not catch disease from wild animals. For meetings with other dogs, if they are vaccinated, it is not a problem but otherwise, avoid contact. So as soon as possible get your puppy vaccinated and avoid dog parks until then.

7- **Question :** How often should my dog be dewormed?

Answer : Your puppy has already had his dewormer before his departure but this eliminates the parasites he may have had before having his dewormer. So the next day, he can already catch it again. It is suggested for the first 6 months of his life to have a monthly dewormer and then twice a year. Discuss this with your veterinarian, he will be able to advise you.

8- **Question :** What to do if my puppy has loose stools in the next few days.

Answer : Don't worry, it's probably due to either the dewormer, a new food or a new treat. We normally provide in the starter kit a sample of Progut which you can give to him if he has diarrhoea.

The dose to give is on the following photo (1 Scoop = 1 teaspoon)



9- **Question:** If I want to give my dog a bath to make sure I get rid of traces of viruses Potential for COVID-19, do I need to take precautions?

Answer: Give your dog a bath in the normal way and make sure you dry the undercoat well to prevent him from developing “Hot Spots” if he is not dried well. If you want to wash the face well, you can use eye ointment to protect his eyes from the soap while bathing. Here is an example:



9. The most important rule to follow!

Enjoy every moment with your little wolf who will grow up.

Had a great time with him.

Investing time in his upbringing will allow you to create a strong bond with him.

Take advantage of all the moment of joys that it will bring you

Treat him like a member of your family

Watch over him and he will be with you for a long time.

You will soon learn to discover our favorite dog breed

It will bring you lots of moments of happiness and a new voice in your home!

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any other questions!!!