

FIRST DAYS HOME

Diarrhea is commonly caused by stress. Sometimes puppies are flown to their new homes. The flight is noisy and vibrates. The puppy is used to being home with mom, brothers, and sisters and living in a family and/or farm life. Should your new puppy have diarrhea upon arrival, you may give it Imodium AD—1/2 tsp 4 times per day at least 3 hours apart for the first two days.

There is a list of Diarrhea diets on the website of Outrageous Shadow Filas that may be used to help calm the stomach naturally as well. You will find this at the following link: www.outrageousshadowfilas.com .

Filas are bred for aversion to strangers known as “Ojeriza”. You own the puppy now but the puppy does not know this so you are a stranger. Give the puppy about 3 days to 2 weeks to adjust to you, your family and your new environment. The puppy may seem “skittish” at first, this is normal. Filas learn to trust you.....it is not automatic.

Your puppy may go off its food when it arrives. This is a response to stress and can last for 3 or 4 days. Your puppy may also appear dehydrated when it arrives...looking gaunt. This too will disappear when your puppy is back on a “familiar” lifestyle—yours. Be patient. Please read the page on crate training...it works great and is a wonderful tool to help make the transition easier.

Stick to a similar feeding program if at all possible. A good breeder should provide you with the feeding program that your puppy was raised on. If possible, have this same food ready for when your new puppy arrives. It will help make the transition easier, be less likely to upset their already sensitive digestive system, and will entice them to eat.

