



Puppy Love

Discover how Holly House Vets supported JLife's Elliot Landy through the excitement and challenges of owning his new best friend Lennie.

Pre-Purchase Advice

Holly House offers a pre-purchase advice session to help you choose the right breed and sex to match your personality and lifestyle and also to help source a good breeder. Hazel Shimmin, Holly House Vets' resident dog behaviourist will talk through all the preparations before bringing your puppy home, such as equipment (which Holly House is able to provide through its Puppy Catalogue), ensuring you have sufficient support in place. She can then talk you through managing the journey home and helping your puppy to settle in as smoothly as possible. The first few weeks can be a challenge, but Hazel will help find the approach that is right for you.

Health Check and First Vaccinations

Your puppy should be registered with a veterinary clinic either before they come home or on arrival. The first appointment will enable the vets to give your new pup a thorough health check and his first vaccinations. They will also cover other routine health care such as flea and worming treatment, dental care and nutrition. In addition, they will ensure you have information about insurance and give you four weeks free while you decide what is best for you.

Holly House also offers a Pet Health Club which covers all routine treatments for the year and enables you to spread the discounted cost evenly by monthly payments as well as access to other great benefits.

Puppy Home Visit

Holly House's Puppy Home Visits let you discuss all your care and training concerns with fully qualified dog trainer Hazel and get reliable up to date advice on best practice. Typically, owners ask about socialisation, house training, bite inhibition and jumping up. Follow-up support is then available by phone and email, and additional sessions can be booked if needed.

Second Vaccination (with nurse)

The second vaccination visit is usually booked with a vet nurse and as well as the injection, gives another opportunity to discuss care such as nail clipping, exercise, nutrition, training classes and when or if to neuter.

Puppy Classes and Talks

Holly House will continue to offer a six-week puppy class with Hazel as soon as coronavirus restrictions allow. Classes cover basic training, socialisation opportunities, familiarisation with the veterinary procedures and fun confidence-giving activities with the opportunity to complete the Kennel Club Good Citizens Puppy Foundation Certificate. A series of talks to provide further information for new puppy owners and the opportunity to share experiences are also on offer.

Puppy Booklet

Holly House has written a comprehensive booklet covering everything you need to know to bring up a well-adapted puppy. These are on sale at the practice or free with a Puppy Home Visit or Puppy Class.

Training

One-to-one training sessions are available with Hazel throughout your dog's life and are popular to help give new puppies the best start in life.

Six Month Health Check (aged eight to nine months)

For members of the Pet Health Club, you will be invited to a free six-month health check where you can ask any further questions to help you prepare for any behaviour changes due to adolescence and to discuss neutering and other issues.

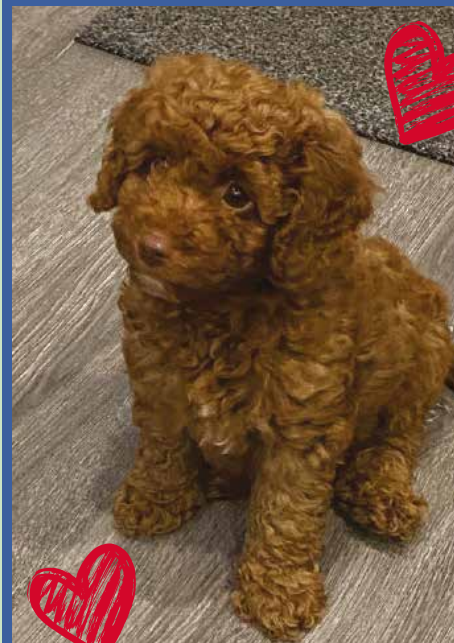
Routine and Emergency Medical Care

Holly House Vets is always there 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to assist with any medical issues that may arise during your dog's life.

If you would like help raising your puppy, visit Hollyhousevets.co.uk or call the clinic on 0113 236 9030.



Lennie Landy



Elliot's Experience...

We'd considered getting a puppy for a while, under pressure from Harry, my middle son, and I needed an incentive to get out for a walk over lockdown (because let's face it, I could lose a few pounds) and Gillian's work is now home based so we started to seriously look around back in the summer. When we finally brought home our little cute Cavapoo, we really had no idea what we were doing!

It turned out to be harder work than having a new-born baby! There's a lot to think about – Lennie is a bit of a biter as he is teething and doesn't sleep too well at night, and of course isn't always outside when he needs to be!

Everyone wants to give you advice and you can read thousands of articles on the web, but it's reassuring to have access to a university-qualified dog behaviourist with 15 years' experience to turn to. So we took up the sessions with Hazel.

The pre-purchase advice was great to discuss all aspects of dog ownership from transporting our new pup back, to safety around the home and dealing with the first sleepless nights. It wasn't long before she popped round to see how he was getting on, and regular one-to-one visits to help us train him are planned. Your first instinct is to tell them off for bad behaviour, but she advised to reinforce the good behaviour with treats and take an empathetic approach from the off. She is always at the end of the phone to answer any queries and that has been a godsend.

Last week, we took Lennie for his injections at the Moor Allerton Surgery – they have a great setup on our doorstep. We can now take him for two walks of 10 minutes a day. He would wake us up at five in the morning, but he's now starting to sleep longer in the night and so are we!

Lennie is very cute and soon became part of the family, and for all the issues, there is so much reward. Holly House really has done a fantastic job of helping him integrate into the household – it must be just as hard for him! Last night he was sat on my knee watching the football, what more could you want?!