



Welcoming a new puppy into your home is a huge decision which can be filled with excitement, anxiety and lots of questions. When deciding to get an Orienta Shiba Inu we want to ensure you are familiar with our processes which are designed specifically to ensure both puppy and parent are happy.

Our puppy partnering process is one that many reputable breeders use who want to ensure the best lives for their puppies by choosing families that are the best fit for their personalities and temperaments. We do not allow families to choose puppies in person or via photos - There are no exceptions to this. It is our priority to assess each pups' individual temperaments and consider the lifestyle, family dynamic and home environment of each family when making decisions about each puppy.

- **Week 0:** Puppies are born, and we announce the litter (colour and sexes of each puppy). We begin to provide updates to those families who have contacted Orienta Kennels recently.
- Please be aware that puppies change drastically between birth and 6 months of age, and most will end up being very similar in look. As we maintain full time employment outside of our home, photos are sometimes weekly only. It is our aim to provide as many updates as possible so that you feel as much a part of the process as possible. Photo updates are uploaded to the Facebook group for each litter – please ask us if you do not already have access to this.
- **Week 2:** From this time onwards, we will begin to take reservations from families for their chosen gender and the deposit becomes payable which will reserve this gender of puppy for your family. All puppies receive their first worming treatment at this time, and every two weeks from there on until 8 weeks old.
- **Week 3 – 6:** We continue to monitor each puppy as their personalities grow. We are looking at temperament, colour, lifestyles and preferences of the chosen families and the pups ability to complete specific roles (as required).
- We make every effort to satisfy your puppy preferences – please communicate these to us as you follow the litter. Please be aware that the more specific you are about your preferences, the longer it may take to find a puppy for your family. It becomes a matter of being flexible with your preferences or waiting for another litter in hope that your perfect puppy appears. Under no circumstances will we place a puppy in a new home based on the families particular preference for the look of a puppy – our puppy assessment to ensure the temperament is the correct fit for each family is our priority and we will always consider this first.
- **Week 6:** We finalize our assessments of each puppy based on our observations of each puppy since birth. We will let you know which exact puppy will be joining your family at this time and we will begin to organise transport requirements as needed if you are interstate and cannot collect your puppy in person at 8 weeks old. Please note transport costs incurred are in addition to the cost of the puppy.



- **Week 7:** Final payment for your puppy is due. Puppies receive their first vaccination, microchip and are health checked at this time by our veterinarian.
- **Week 8 and 9:** Puppies will join their new families! For puppies who will be moving interstate, we generally try to book all puppies onto early morning flights to ensure they are not travelling in the heat of the day. Flight details will be confirmed with you and it is our expectation that you will arrive to your airport on time to collect your puppy.
- **Week 10-12:** Your puppy is due for their booster vaccination. Please book your puppy in with your veterinarian. (Vaccination required: Distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, parainfluenza, and Bordetella). Your puppy will also require worming – please discuss this with your veterinarian.
- **Week 14-16:** Your puppy is due for the final puppy vaccination. Please book your puppy in with your veterinarian. (Distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, parainfluenza, and bordetella. Depending on the brand used, puppies may not require parainfluenza and bordetella at this age). Your puppy will also require worming – please discuss this with your veterinarian.
- **6 months:** It is time for you to spay / neuter your puppy. This should be completed prior to the puppy turning 7 months old at the latest. Please let us know once this has been done. Your puppy will require worming every 3 months ongoing.
- **12 months:** Your puppy is due for their annual vaccination booster. Please book your puppy in with your veterinarian. The booster vaccines are required annually ongoing – please discuss this with your veterinarian as some brands can vary.
- **Ongoing:** We love to receive updates and photos of your puppy. Please keep in contact with us. If your situation ever changes and you can no longer keep your Shiba Inu please contact us as a matter of priority as we greatly care about the wellbeing of each and every puppy.