Diarrhea Survey

Your help is needed for a Puppy Diarrhea Study!
Here at GDB we are on a quest to reduce the rates of puppy diarrhea both on campus and in puppy raiser homes. As part of this project we are gathering data on diarrhea that occurs within the FIRST 30 DAYS a puppy is in a new puppy raising home.

We need your help to collect this data
Approximately 31 days after the arrival of the puppy you are raising, we will be sending you a survey link to complete via email. This survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes.

During the first month the puppy is home, please record the number of days the puppy has vomiting or diarrhea. Please also record any fecal tests, special diets, supplements, or medications given for diarrhea.

Below, you will see the questions the survey will ask, so you’ll know what information to track. If you have any questions about filling out the survey, please contact the Puppy Raising team.

Thank you VERY much for your help in this important mission! -The GDB Veterinarians

Here are the questions that will be asked in the survey. Please also include any information from any time that the puppy has spent with puppy sitters as well.

- What date did the puppy arrive to your home?
- How did the puppy travel to you? (Picked up on campus/puppy truck/airplane)
- What diet did the puppy arrive eating? (Purina Pro Plan Puppy, Hill’s i/d, other)
- What is the puppy currently eating? (At the time of filling out this survey)
- During the first 30 days, on how many DAYS did the puppy vomit? (Count each day vomiting occurred as "1" day, no matter how many times the puppy vomited during that day.)
- During the first 30 days, on how many DAYS did the puppy have diarrhea? (Count any day when the stools were liquid, bloody, or did not have a distinct shape, i.e. "cow pie" stools.)
- See the Purina Fecal Scoring Chart for reference (diarrhea = fecal score #6 or #7) included in the puppy packet.
- Has the puppy had fecal tests at your local vet during the first 30 days? If the puppy has fecal testing, please record if the test results were negative (no parasites) or positive for parasites or disease.
- Has the puppy been given any special diets for diarrhea that occurred during the first 30 days in your home?
- Has the puppy been given any over-the-counter or prescription medications for diarrhea?
- Please record any medications, supplements, or probiotics given for diarrhea.
- Please pick the best description of your puppy's stools during the first 30 days:
  - Always firm, "log shaped" stools
  - Sometimes firm stools, sometimes softer moist stools, but they always a "log shape"
  - Sometimes formed "log shaped" stools and sometimes diarrhea ("cow pie" or liquid) with no clear pattern to when diarrhea happens
  - Stools improve when taking medication, but without medication the diarrhea returns
  - Stools improve when on a bland diet (without medication), but diarrhea returns when trying to transition to the regular puppy diet
  - There is always diarrhea no matter what diet or medications we try!
- Has the puppy been treated for any illnesses or infections other than diarrhea during the first 30 days? Please specify the illness and any medications given.