



# KORTMAR

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***Thank you for choosing Kortmar for your new household member – we hope you have a wonderful long life together and thank you from us for giving your new addition their “forever” home.***

### DIET

Each dog is an individual and as you will see, they grow rapidly in a small space of time. The amounts listed below (and what has been supplied) might be enough for two meals, rather than one – **although by the time they are 10-12 weeks, it’s likely they will be eating a similar amount to this.**

Another note for your first few days – while with me, the pups have been group fed and while I always ensure there is food left over after everyone has eaten, some will eat less and some will eat more. Be guided by your puppy, not obsessed by a specific amount.

Two meals a day till 3-4 months

- Mini Puppy (Royal Canin)
- Royal Canin Mini Puppy Sachets
- Chicken wings - 1 or 2 (2 small or 1 large)
- Sardines in Oil (125gm) or Tuna in Oil (90gm) – they get the oil as well
- Pet mince of some description – I use either people grade chicken mince, pet mince based on beef or the Aldi Beef and Roo mix –watch out for preservatives and if necessary, package up into meal sizes and freeze so you no waste
- Cooked chicken (such as roast chook) – get a roast chook, pull it apart (no bones or stuffing but they will eat the skin) and freeze it in meal packs

**In summer, the meat can be eaten frozen and when teething, it is a meat flavoured ice block that soothes the mouth.**

#### Breakfast

- Option 1 - ½ cup Mini Puppy
- OR**
- Option 2 - ½ cup Mini Junior **with** one of the following:  
~100gm of mince / RC Sachet / BBQ chook / tin of Sardines or Tuna / 1 chicken wing  
**(EITHER the sachet OR mince/chicken OR the fish OR the chicken wing!)**

#### Dinner

- 1 or 2 chicken wings

By the time the pup is 3-4 months old, it's likely time to move to one meal a day and quantity wise, it's pretty much the same as the adults by then (see below). If you are feeding other things with the dry, I often find that once you finish all the Puppy food (15kg bag & the bag from Royal Canin) it will be time to move to Mini Adult.

### Example Adult meals (1 meal per day)

#### Meat Meals

It depends on the weight of a chicken – if it is small drumsticks or wings, they might get 2 - 4, if large ones, 1-3. There is common sense involved – if you think it isn't enough, add a small amount of dry food.

#### Dry Food

I generally use Royal Canin Mini Adult or another from the Royal Canin range if required.

#### Dry food Only

- Betty - ¾ cup
- Jess - 1 cup
- Adult boys - 1½ cups.

#### Dry and 100gm "Other"

- Betty - level ½ cup + 100gm
- Jess – heaped ½ cup + 100gm
- Flo – ¾ cup + 100gm
- Ricky – 1 cup + 100gm

#### 100gm Options

- Sardines in Oil (125gm tin)
- Tuna in Oil (share a 185gm tin between two)
- Chunkers (any variety)
- Pet Mince
- RC Adult Sachet
- Egg + Cottage Cheese
- Chicken Wings / Drumsticks

I use the dry food volume to moderate their weight - if they need a bit more, I add more and if they are chunking up, I cut them back for a few meals.

If feeding adults twice a day - just split the same amount of food over two meals – so, an adult boy will get either a tin of sardines OR ½ cup of dry in the morning and 1 cup of dry at night.

If they get bones, they are the meal – don't feed them on top of the normal meal – Shibas can get fat – you should always be

able to feel the ribs with the flat of your hands on their flanks (ie. Not digging in with your fingers) – I would much prefer a slightly underweight dog than overweight – it's a much healthier option.

Please DON'T leave food out all the time – put it down for a max of 10 minutes (unless they are obviously still eating but doing so slowly – which might happen when they are teething for a few days depending upon which teeth come out and when) – once they walk away from the food and go off and do something else, take the food away.

If that starts to happen most mornings, just don't bother the next day and instead, feed a combined meal (ie. A bigger single meal).

Feeding depends from dog to dog – some grow faster or slower – if you think they are too skinny, add a bit extra and if they are a bit fat, cut it back for a few days.

Before you know it, you have skipped breakfast a couple of days in a row and they are officially on one meal a day – mine are normally there between 3-4 months because I can't feed them before a show otherwise they won't be interested in the bait when I take them in the ring.

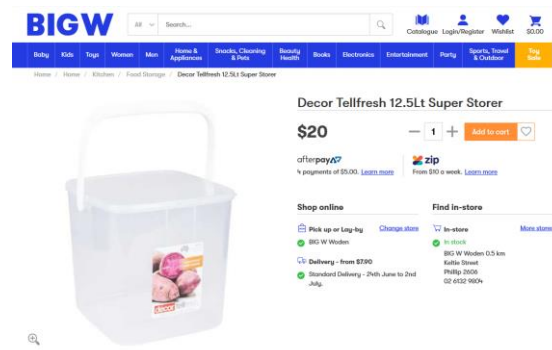
### SOURCING ROYAL CANIN

There are a couple of options for sourcing Royal Canin at a reasonable price – you will be receiving a free pack and a way to redeem or purchase your food direct via Royal Canin as part of your puppy pack or you can purchase direct from me.

I order for you and it is delivered to your door - free delivery is a minimum of 15kg which is the standard breeders bag.

Normal price is around \$100 but if there is a special on, I just get you to pay exactly what it cost me – you put the money over into my account and I pay on my credit card.

If you are dealing with 15kg bags, I have large containers to put some of mine into but I also have heaps of these Décor 12.5Ltr storers – 3 buckets should fit a 15kg bag of food in them. I usually wait till I see them on special and grab them – check out Spotlight too. You can get the smaller size (8.5ltr) but you will need a couple more. And put them out of reach!



## HEALTH

### WORMING

The pups are usually wormed every two weeks - these pups were wormed as follows:

Action	Date
Born	23 June 2021
Drontal All Wormer Syrup (2 weeks)	6 July 2021
Drontal All Wormer 3kg Tab (½ or 1 tab)	21 July 2021
Drontal All Wormer 3kg Tab (1 tab)	28 July 2021
Vaccinated / Microchipped	4 August 2021
Drontal All Wormer 3kg Tab (1 tab)	11 August 2021

The pups should continue to be wormed twice weekly (use an all wormer – supplied in your folder) until 3 months (12/13 weeks) – following that, it is every three months with an All Wormer – although, if you do feed a lot of offal on a regular basis, you might like to make it a bit more regular than that (ie. 6-8 weeks).

I would suggest these pups are all wormed again:

9 Weeks	25 August 2021
11 Weeks	8 September 2021
13 Weeks	22 September 2021

I have supplied 2 x 3kg tab (use 2 tabs)

I am currently using Drontal 3kg tablets for the babies and Drontal 10kg chewable (1 tab) for the adults – although Betty wont eat them and I have to use the normal Drontal or Ranvet (pink) 10kg tabs with her so I can put them down her throat.



I get all my Drontal tabs online via EBay from Budget Pets but also check out other online sellers – just remember to factor in the postage costs – I only compare free postage options. You can also order direct from Budget Pets website.

I also found that the active ingredients for Ranvet Allwormer are pretty close to Drontal so am using those as well.

### VACCINATION

The pups are due again to be vaccinated from 10 weeks – our vet has recommended **next vaccination on 15 September 2021** but my understanding is from 10 weeks (1 September) – talk to your own vet to confirm.

They received a C4 vaccination at 6 weeks so **please get a C5 for the 10/12 week shot**. Some vets are suggesting a C7 shot for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, please be guided by your vet for your area.

Pup will need to stay home for 10-14 days after that shot and so from 12 weeks (approx. – depending upon when you get the vaccination), you should be able to take them out into the big wide world.

No matter how much you want to show them off to your friends and family – taking them out and exposing them to dogs or environments that are not safe before they have had their second vaccination and it has had 10-14 days to settle **will ENDANGER THEM or even KILL THEM – do NOT do it!**

During this time, do not walk them outside of your own backyard and if you have another dog, restrict their activity outside for that period (they could bring something back) and when they are out, even if they are vaccinated, don't take them places that people may not take care of their dogs – it's not worth the risk as your puppy back at home is not yet fully vaccinated. Your vet may recommend an additional vaccination at 14 weeks – if so, this would likely be a C3 or C4 and will depend on what might be required for your particular area.

As always - be guided by your vet – I don't know what might be an issue in your particular area.

### HEARTWORM

Talk to your vets about Heartworm options when you get the 10 week shot – they don't need it until they are 6 months of age. I use a yearly heartworm shot (at the same time as vaccination) but since the amount is worked out on weight, it's a bit hard to get it until they get their first annual booster (ie. at 15 months of age) – their weight changes a bit too much between 6 and 15 months.

I would suggest it is easiest to use the monthly chewable – two packs of 6 will last you a year. Some of these have a wormer in them but it's NOT an ALL wormer so you will still need to worm them with an ALL wormer every three months – again, you could likely find these cheapest on EBay – try Petfrenzy or other similar sites.

## DESEXING

Please get your pet / companion pups on the Limited Register desexed by 12-18 months as you have agreed to in the Contract.

Limited Register means the pup can't be shown, exported nor can you register a litter from them.

Please think seriously about getting it done around 6 months – the pups will be hard-headed enough without the extra testosterone/hormones if you can avoid it!

Local council will also charge you more to register the pup if they are not desexed. I know there are different schools of thought around desexing young and it is your puppy so it is up to you when it is done but should be completed by 18 months.

## TRAINING

Your new pup is coming into your lives at a young age – even though Shiba's are incredibly smart, please don't expect everything in the first day or two or even week or two.

They will need a couple of days or weeks to understand that you are the new voices and smells that they will be relying upon and a brand new house and routine and you need some time to just enjoy your bubba – trust me, they grow so quickly and this snuggly little baby will be gone too soon.

It's great to start training them once they settle in and then just a couple of goes at something new at a time – attention span is short.

I am not a fan of "time out", like putting them in the laundry etc., they honestly don't get what's happening. If you want to "time out", use a crate or pen for a short period but please don't put them in isolation as a punishment.

## TOILET TRAINING

Pups will wee as soon as they wake up from a sleep – almost without fail! It is most likely easier to feed them outside since they often go after a meal too (but obviously not if crate training) and don't let them back in until they have toileted – and if they are curled up asleep, put them out as soon as they wake up and when they toilet (and cold or wet grass is great for encouraging them to go – not much different to running water and kids!), praise them well and don't let them back in until they do.

Toilet timings – sorry folks but no more sleep-in's if you don't have a doggy door (or until they work out exactly how and when to use it).

Our schedule here is outside to toilet at 630am and that will get earlier as the days get longer (sun is up then pups are up).

Always a toilet break after eating and regularly during the day. Of an evening, come inside once its dark and then back outside NLT 9pm and stay outside until they have toileted.

At the 9pm toilet break, often my dogs (and pups) don't go back into the kennels for bed until 10pm. That is still 8.5 hours to hold on – that is a LONG time for a puppy.

If you get up to go to the toilet overnight and the pup is awake, put them out the door to toilet too.

Please, please, please – do NOT rub their noses in it if they toilet inside – dogs live in the here and now – they won't know why they are having their noses rubbed in it. Praise when they do it right along with calling it a particular word and keeping a regular routine is the best way of dealing with it.

When they are a bit older (and lead trained), walking them in a circle (around and around and around) is also a way of encouraging them to go to the toilet – remember it is crucial to give lots of praise when they do it right – and yes, it sounds stupid to others that you are praising your dog for going to the toilet but remember every toilet stop on a lead is one less accident that you have to clean up!

They would prefer not to toilet where they eat or sleep so just give them a routine that allows them to make that distinction.

## CRATE TRAINING OR DOG RUNS

For the show dogs or pets that are using a crate or dog run – feed the dog in their crate or run so they get used to it and associate it with good stuff (ie. Food) – they will likely get used to having a sleep in there after a meal and as soon as they wake up – outside to toilet they go!

For in the house (and for convenience in going other places with your pooch) consider a 30inch collapsible crate.

I am not recommending any of these suppliers – there are heaps of them on EBay – and if you want it bigger, go up to a 36inch crate but that may not fit set up in a lot of vehicles for traveling – check first.

You will need a bucket in the crate for water – I think the 946ml is fine for when they are supervised in the crate but likely the 1.9L if they are in there for any extended time.

SAVE UP TO 5% WHEN YOU BUY MORE

I use several of these pens around the property for puppies, inside and outside.

You can use all the panels or only some of them or join more than one set – it is convenient and effective in keeping them contained and safe – although it is NO substitute for a proper fence.

Like the items above, there are lots of similar options from other providers – these are just examples to show you. I recommend the 32inch (that is 80cm x 80cm)

## BATHING

Try to give them a weekly warm water bath (cold water is cruel unless it's the height of summer) and dry while they are still little - it's going to make your life much, much easier with them as an adult if you practice while young. Don't give in to the pathetic howling and whining – it's not killing them, no matter what they would like you to believe! 😊

With the weekly bath, you don't even have to use shampoo every time – it's the process they need to learn.

Although these guys are never going to be "big", they will have the attitude and determination of a dog many times their size so make the most of the opportunity you have now when they are easier to handle / control!

Shampoo – it's up to you but I use Chris Christenson and whatever you do, make sure you rinse the shampoo/conditioner out properly.

<http://chrischristensenaustralia.com.au/> - they also have a great range of grooming products (combs etc.) and I have supplied sample sizes of the shampoos etc. for you to try.

In the CC Shampoos – I use Spectrum One Shampoo & Conditioner for maintenance bathing and White on White (purple shampoo) before a show – I DON'T use conditioner before a show – the coat is NOT supposed to be soft. There is also a Day to Day shampoo and conditioner that is great as well – I use a whole lot of different products from that range.



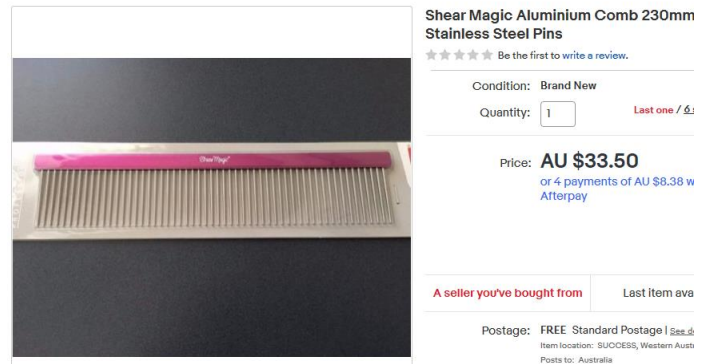
PetNetwork is another excellent place to get pet products: <http://www.petnetwork.com.au/>

Also check out the Classifieds for new and second hand stuff on Dogzonline - <http://www.dogzonline.com.au/>

Get them used to being groomed up on the table – 5-10 minutes each day or two as a baby will make your life so much easier with them when they are an adult.

There are some tools you will need – I suggest:

- a round tooth wide comb (make sure the tines are not sharp)
- nail clippers (scissor type) or a Dremel (Dremel Micro – about \$100 from Bunnings)
- and if showing, a small Lawrence Tender Care slicker for brushing the hair up the legs before they go in the ring.



I really don't see much value in pin brushes – a comb is much more effective between coat drops and NEVER a Fuminator!



This is the Dremel I use. It is cordless (and lasts ages once charged) so the cord doesn't get in the way. I got it from Bunnings.

It's best to start them young and don't forget the dew claws on the front – take a little bit, often.

## LEAD TRAINING

Pups should be already getting gently walked around on the lead and collar at home (NOT outside until 2 weeks after their 10/12 week shot!) – give them a bit of “bait” (cheese, cold meat, liver, chicken – any sort of treat) and encourage them to walk with you gently tugging on the lead – they will get the idea.

I recommend you use a limited slip collar – you will likely need to get a smaller one to start with and then a larger one for when they are a bit older. You can also get a variety of martingale collars or check chains – just remember it’s a little neck so not too heavy.

## LIMITED-SLIP COLLAR

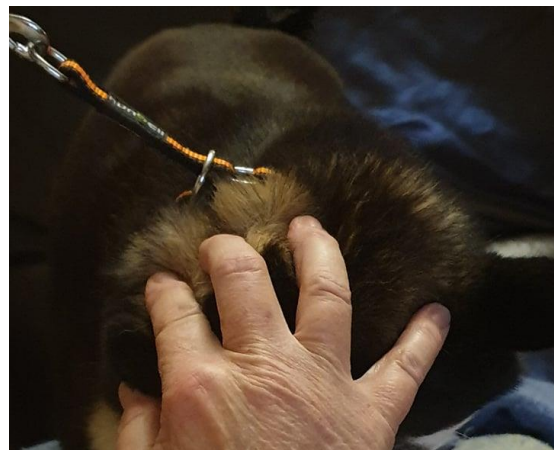
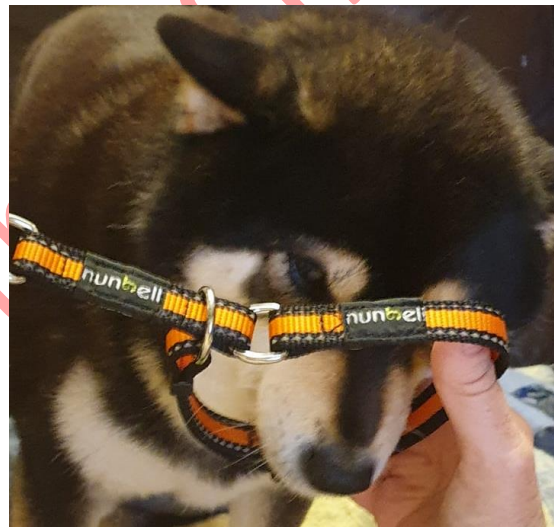
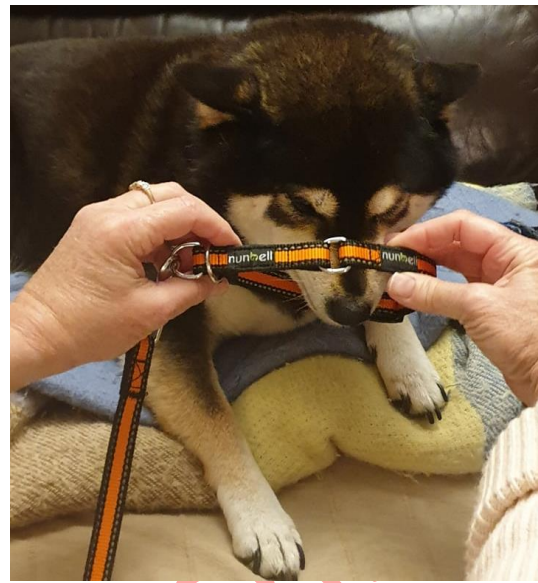
The Limited-Slip Collar incorporates a slip section has a limited amount of slip or tightening action so that the collar will tighten a few inches when your dog pulls, but without choking the dog.



The Limited-Slip Collar is ideal as a gentler replacement for the correction (choker) chain in obedience training, for dogs that pull out of normal collars, for tethering, harness work and for everyday wear.

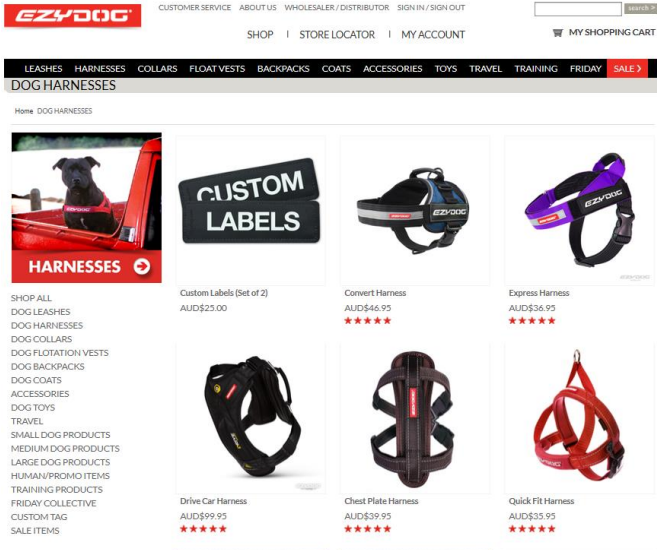
These collars slip on over the head then are tightened until firm on the neck, so it is important that you choose a size that is big enough to fit over your dog’s head. As they have a large amount of adjustment, it is better to order a larger size if you are not sure.

**TIP:** Correct adjustment of the Limited-slip collar is critical. If too loose, the collar will move on the neck and rub or break the fur and may slip off or allow the dog to chew it. The collar should be firm but not tight on the neck - to determine the correct tightness you should just be able to slip two fingers underneath it.



## HARNESS

A harness for walking is a popular option for Shiba's – however, remember that you will likely need a smaller one to start and then a larger size as an adult. A very popular brand is <http://ezydog.com.au/harnesses/>



## OBEDIENCE TRAINING

If you are willing to make the commitment to obedience training, it can only lead to a better relationship with your Shiba.

You may have puppy preschool available through your local vet – this would be ok to attend before the 10 week vaccination (it's normally with other puppies the same age / same vaccination status) but ask your vet for advice.

## STACKS

A couple of "stacks" each day or two on the table (with lots of praise when they stand there) will also help out a lot – make sure you give them a command at the same time – I use "stand" – I can draw it out and then lots of praise – bait also works well in this instance too – the way to any Spitz breed is through the tummy! This might sound silly for a dog that will never be shown but it gives them the idea of following direction and staying still.

Once they get the idea of "stand" then you can incorporate that with the lead training – a bit of bait in your pocket to reward them and trust me, it will take next to no time to work out that pockets mean food!

## MICROCHIP AND COUNCIL REGISTRATION

The pups are all microchipped and although that is registered **you STILL need to register them with your local council / authority.**

## CHANGING FROM THE LIMITED REGISTER TO THE MAIN REGISTER

Upgrading to the Main Register will require not only my consent (I am the only one that can apply to change the papers, regardless of who owns the dog) and will require the payment of the difference between the Limited Register and Main Register purchase price.

Just to put this in perspective – I can count on one hand the amount of times I have changed a puppy's registration from Limited to Main Register since the two registers were introduced – it's not something I would consider lightly!

## CONTACT DETAILS

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Thank you to each and every one of you for giving the babies such loving homes and post pictures up to the Kortmar Family page on Facebook - Kortmar Shiba Inu or Instagram #kortmarshiba, #kortmar & #kortmarshibainu and Twitter @KortmarShiba so we can see how they are going!

Regards

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