

# CORGI GENERAL HEALTH WARNINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

As a Corgi breeder we have compiled a few helpful tips and advice. This information is based on our extensive years of research as a breeder, holistic specialist, experience as a dog “Corgi” lover, and a parent animal advocate. As a breeder and friend we find that it’s very important to be of assistance for the longevity of your Corgi as well as a friend to lend a helping hand should you have any questions and/or concerns in regards to your Corgis health and/or behavior as they grow. Whether you have purchased your Corgi from us or another breeder, and/or dream of owning a Corgi we are happy to assist you in any way possible.

Do understand that each Corgi is an individual and doesn’t necessarily carry on the traits and/or genetics that may be affected. And just like humans the environment, what they eat, and how they exercise affects their quality of life - Epi Genetics. However, avoiding these things that we go over below regardless as a precaution can be very beneficial to your pet and friend.

The Pembroke Welsh Corgi is a herding breed and can be affected and seriously bothered by products containing Ivermectin. Ivermectin is often used to treat ear mites and also as a heartworm preventative. We recommend using an alternative method to treat and as a preventative. Our research and experience with other Corgi loving owners and breeders has shown interaction with ivermectin to result in serious side effects, blindness, seizures, and in some instances death. For those who own horses/cattle/goats, and deworm your horses/cattle/goats with ivermectin, do so in a place that your pet can not get into the pasture, as even them eating a bit of it, and/or ingesting waste may have serious consequences on their health. We do know that blood testing and genetic testing can play a huge result on whether or not your dog may be affected - although as a animal and care advocate - why not just practice precaution and use alternatives.

We do recommend waiting to spay and/or neuter your pet until they have matured at a minimum of 10 months to a year of age. It’s even best to wait after the dog has fully matured at 18 months if possible. We know that some circumstances may arise making that an impossible recommendation. Waiting for a more mature age will help prevent incontinence in bladder control, emotional upset, hormone imbalances, and many health issues that may arise. Should you choose to spay and/or neuter your pet and friend we do recommend exercising on the side of caution. Pre surgery have a consultation visit with your veterinarian to share the allergic reactions and the sensitivity that Corgis as a breed have to anesthetics. We do recommend using a “Gas Anesthetics” when available for surgeries - please consult with your veterinarian on what would be best for your situation. Exercise caution and be aware throughout your pets life as they may require procedures such as dental hygiene care and minimal surgeries. Corgis may be sensitive to anesthetics and require a small portion and/or optional care at times, to prevent serious issues from arising during surgeries and/or recovery thereof.

Let's talk about food and treats. Feeding a high quality diet is very recommended. The word high quality does not mean high protein or only a raw diet. Learn about what you plan to feed and what you are feeding your Corgi. Read the ingredients label and follow it closely. Corgis are highly sensitive to feeds and require a good amount of Omega 3's for their skin and coat. Many Corgis don’t do well with Chicken as a main ingredient(causes inflammation and other issues over time.), and some can’t have anything to do with Sweet Potato. We work closely to find what works best for our family of Corgis and supplement it where we feel they need it. We do recommend feeding a diet that is free of Wheat,

Corn, and Soy when possible. Be careful of the treats you feed your Corgi as well. Do not feed your Corgi dental treats and/or chews specifically designed as dental treats. Many of these treats of various brands can at times cause the liver and kidneys to be overworked and flooded with toxins to the point of overloading them and having a high enzyme count. This can lead to serious illness and consequences for your loved one. There are some great alternatives to assist with keeping those chompers healthy and clean. Be sure to read ingredients and chemicals and find a healthier alternative.

Flea, Spot On, and Tick Treatments. This is a touchy and hard area when it comes to Corgi parenting. If we had our choice we would just feed a garlic and onion supplement, although we live in a heavily forested area and sometimes we have to result to chemical assistance. Be cautious when using a spot on flea treatment and/or pill preventative for your Corgi. Talk with your vet and research what would be best for you and your pet to benefit them for their overall health and your environment situation. Some spot ons and pills can cause severe allergic reactions, seizures, stomach ulcers, and can be hard on your Corgis digestion. Do not use a cheap and/or inexpensive alternative brand as this can cause at times serious illness and even death to your precious friend. We tend to use Advantix and Bravecto depending on the situation and when we feel that heavy insect season is over, we give their system a break to recoup and have a 3 to 4 months off when possible to assist in building up their immune system once again in hopes of keeping away cancers and other serious illnesses.

Remember in the summer months that although they can be drinking lots of water while hiking and out on walks - Corgis with their thick dense coats tend to overheat, have strokes, and get sick from the sun easily and are hard to recognize when they are fatigued. They are little dogs who do what they can to make you happy. Please remember even when hiking in the shade they can still overheat and result in serious illness and/or even death. Keep a close watch on your baby and stay home on those hot days, and be sure your Corgi is slowly working up to those daily walks in small portions. Not to overload their little bodies. Air Conditioning Is A Corgis Best Friend On HOT Days!

Corgis are very sensitive to chemicals. Chemicals such as lawn treatment, pool chemicals, shampoos, and more. I know it's a given with most people to watch your Corgi when they are out and about, but sometimes a special warning to remember is helpful. If your Corgi is breaking out in hives, changing their eating habits, drinking excessive water, puking, and/or reacting funny in personality, (which isn't the normal) please let your vet know right away. Also remember when you have an issue and have addressed it with your vet and need extra assistance - a breeder who is thorough in understanding the Breed can be beneficial to you and your vet in so many ways. Don't be afraid to call and/or talk to a professional breeder at any time over the smallest of things.