





come with you for a walk, use the same commands in the same sequence. All members of your family need to be on the same song sheet when teaching your AKK the basic manners. The AKK is very intelligent, and yet an independent thinker, meaning you may get compliance some of the time, but not always obedience. This improves with age and training. So don't give up hope. Your puppy has a really rapid metabolism and will process food and water really quickly. Be prepared for potty accidents in the house and be aware of when to take your puppy outside. Your AKK's age in weeks and size usually determine how often they need to go out. For instance, once an hour is not too often for a 6 week old puppy. Other key times to take your AKK outside are after chewing something, right after a nap, after grooming and after food time. Gradually your AKK will "get it" and start to let you know when they need to go out. Watch for the sudden bolt up from a toy and the nose to the floor - and move fast to take your pup out. Since your AKK is so sensitive and intelligent, they are masters of reading your body language and facial expressions. Punishment is not needed when training, just change your facial expressions and body language to express annoyance. The unhappy face you are showing your dog will be all he needs to get the message. However, their attention span is only about 3 - 5 minutes at a young age, so don't have a mad on too long.

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### Activity and Exercise

The Klee Kai's are not quite as dependent on being exercised as their larger relatives. However, a romp with other AKK's is especially loved, but they do adapt well to other canine playmates if introduced as a youngster to their new homes. While happy to be at home while you may be away during the day, they love nothing better than to hit the backyard and run at the speed of light when you let them out. They can run so fast they actually can be seen to do a slo-mo four-pawed drift around a few corners. All puppies and puppies at heart have unlimited energy, and that energy needs to be funneled towards constructive ends by exercising vigorously and lots of play time. As your AKK matures, appropriate exercise is still needed, but their energy level is not quite as high. Jogging, walking and running with your AKK is something they like as well. A good game of tug rope and fetch works too, if they will return the ball without hogging it.