**AIRPORT-TO-HOME PROCEDURES**

If your puppy will be flying to you, we’ll need to communicate about the flight process and the information we need from each other.

The information I need from you follows:

Full name

Email address

Phone numbers, including cell

Your home address with city and state and zip code

The closest airport near you--we'll use this airport--**if they accept pet cargo and if flights to this airport mean less kennel time for your pup**.

Next, let me know if there are dates and times when you cannot pick up a pup. There is (usually) one workable flight out of Grand Junction, CO. United flights go from GJT to Denver, then out of Denver to an airport close to you. It’s a day trip for me, because GJT is 3 hours away (one way).

Ordinarily, I can book U. S. flights for $475 (larger pups and further distances occasionally cost more). That includes the cost of the puppy's crate, furnishings, ticket, required vet check and paperwork, etc.

**Call the airline carrier to see where pet cargo is located at your destination airport. Sometimes pets are sent to nearby airline cargo buildings and not the terminal. Be on time, even if you think it will take a while to unload your pup. Sometimes pups are sent to odd buildings that lock up early, and that’s horrible for everyone.**

Also, it's helpful if someone can go with you to pick up puppy.

Be sure to bring your driver's license / other valid I.D. to the airport to pick up your puppy.

I hope puppy won't be really messy or anything (usually not), but also bring a wet washcloth in a plastic bag, some baby wipes, a towel. That sounds yucky, I know, but if your pup is dirty, you'll want to wipe him / her down and perhaps wrap him / her up in a clean, dry towel.

Find a patch of grass in a safe place so pup can pee and walk about just a bit when s/he gets out of the travel crate.

Bring a small bowl and some water to the airport for puppy.

When you get your pup home, let him/her run around in your yard for about ten min. S/he may be excited for a little while and not want to eat, but offer him/her some food anyhow. If s/he doesn't eat immediately, try again in 30 min. If s/he still isn't interested, scramble an egg with a very small amount of pup kibble (Your pup eats Science Diet Puppy). Make sure it's not too hot, and serve pup this treat. S/he should eat; don't worry if s/he doesn't, you can offer the egg dish to him/her at a later time. Just before you go to bed, let pup outside for another ten min.

I always sleep with a new pup his/her first night home. "Sleep with" might mean a mattress on the floor beside his/her crate--or some arrangement that is comfortable for you. Your pup has had a BIG day; s/he should be tired by dark, and s/he should quiet down in his/her crate after the light is turned off and after you've sung a puppy lullaby. If you hold your puppy and scratch behind his/her ears, s/he should settle down. S/he will wake you at some time because s/he needs to go outside. Out goes pup. In comes pup. Back in crate or wherever pup is sleeping. Lights out. It is not play time.

In the morning, begin your house training routine.

Local pups will come with a book that will help the two of you become acquainted and begin puppy training in a positive way. Airlines will not permit me to send a book atop the crate, but I recommend *The Tao of Puppy* by Krista Cantrell.

Get excited; incoming puppy!

Sheron and XANADU of the Rockies