

## Chapter 4: Shih Tzu Colors

### Explanation of Blue or Liver

A dog may be registered as blue or liver (chocolate) because of the **pigmentation** of the dog's **skin...not** the **coat** color. Blue and liver Shih Tzu dogs lack black pigmentation.

The pigmentation will be where the color is most obvious: the eye rims, nose, paw pads, etc.

Blue dogs will have a . . .

## Chapter 7: Naming Your Shih Tzu

Naming your Tzu is **much more** important than you may think. The name you choose will decide **how well** your Tzu recognizes that name. This is a **huge** element in training your dog. **In addition**, if the name does not fit certain elements, other animals in the home **and** your Tzu may become very confused.

**Both** the **number** of syllables in the name **and** the beginning **consonants sounds** will play a **major** factor.

Dogs **do** learn to know their names; **however** dogs generally . . .

## Chapter 12: Weight Chart

It is not possible to know **exactly** how big your Shih Tzu puppy will grow to be. **However**, there is a method to estimate your puppy's adult size. This **chart** is usually accurate within a ½ pound. Do keep in mind that the adult weight of a Shih Tzu puppy will depend on:

The dog's genetics. While one may be able to have a good idea of the puppy's adult weight by looking at the pup's . . .

## Chapter 13: House Training Your Shih Tzu

It is very important to remember that a puppy has **absolutely** no idea that they are supposed to urinate or eliminate where you want them to. The area that **you choose**,

whether a litter box or in an area outside, has **no** meaning to your Shih Tzu **until** you train them; **until then**, that litter box is **just** another object in the home **and** the area outside is just a place to run around or play.

Your puppy will have **no** idea that this area...

## Chapter 15: House Training an Older/ Senior Shih Tzu

**Y**ou may have gotten an **adult** Shih Tzu for **many** reasons and your adult may have come from a breeder, rescue or other. In **some** cases, this adult Tzu will already be house trained. **In other cases**, the dog **may** need to be **reminded**...or **may** need to learn from the beginning.

If your **adult** is **not** house trained, **ignore**...

## Chapter 22: Brushing & Combing

### Begin Young to Train Your Tzu for Long Coat Grooming

**T**he first thing to do is to set a schedule of when you will be grooming and to stick with it! It is best to begin when your Tzu is a puppy, even when their fur is short. In this way, your Tzu will become used to sitting/standing nicely while you groom.

It is especially important to get the puppy used to the grooming. The grooming of the **puppy** will take only a **few** minutes, but these minutes are a **very** important **practice** for when that pup is an adult with a long coat.

Many puppies will not want to sit still for grooming. However, if done each day beginning...

## Chapter 28: Training Your Shih Tzu to Heel (Walk Nicely Next to You)

**W**ith any of these training issues **consistency** (Practicing training techniques **every** day) will be the 1<sup>st</sup> secret to successfully training your dog. Following these instructions **exactly** will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> secret to success.

## The Actual Meaning of “Heeling”

Heeling is when your Shih Tzu walks on your **left** with their head next to your left heel. Heeling also means when your dog follows along at **your** pace. When your Shih Tzu is **fully** trained to heel, your dog will properly follow along whether you are walking, jogging or suddenly stop. A dog who heels...

## Chapter 31: Training Your Shih Tzu to Stop Nipping (Biting at You)

**T**raining your Shih Tzu to not nip or bite at you is **best** done when the puppy is young. If not, it can become a hard habit for the Tzu to break. **However**, with these training secrets, even an older Shih Tzu can be trained to stop nipping.

### Rules to Keep in Mind

There are some elements to keep in mind **before** you begin training...

## Chapter 46: Separation Anxiety

**M**ost Shih Tzu owners cannot be home all of the time. And as you know, it is not possible to bring your Tzu with you everywhere!

There will be times when you will need to leave your Shih Tzu on their own. This can be a disaster **or** it can be a great way for you to train your dog how to behave and cope without you there...

## Chapter 38: Odd Eating Habits

**M**ost Tzu will not eat **exactly** as you expect them to; many have odd little quirks and **some** have habits that are a bit disturbing.

### Eating Less Food than Normal

There **may** be times when your Shih Tzu eats less than normal. This should be brought to the attention of the veterinarian right away to rule out medical issues. Dogs that are in pain will not eat. The **first** thing you should do...

## Chapter 58: Coat Issues

A Shih Tzu has **two** coats of fur, with the **bottom** coat shedding **into** the top coat rather than off of the dog **entirely**; therefore this breed sheds very little in the conventional sense.

With regular brushing and bathing, shedding can be reduced to **almost** nothing. As they shed **so** lightly, Shih Tzu are considered to be one of the breeds more suitable for people with allergies. There are **several** Shih Tzu coat issues to be aware of . . .

## Chapter 75: Understanding Parvo

Most refer to this as simply “Parvo”. This **most often** infects puppies under the age of 1 year old. **However**, in rare cases, an **adult** Shih Tzu may contract Parvo.

**Bloody diarrhea is the first symptom** and one must be **very diligent** to bring their Tzu puppy to the vet **immediately** if noticing this sign.

Parvoviruses are a large group; almost every mammal species (including humans) has its own parvovirus. Fortunately, each virus is rather specific about what animals it can infect (for example, the **canine** parvovirus . . .

## Chapter 83: Shih Tzu Pregnancy

### Morning Sickness

Dogs **can** get “Morning Sickness” when pregnant. This, as you probably know, does not just happen in the morning. Both humans and dogs may have this condition in which being pregnant causes nausea. If your pregnant Tzu is vomiting quite a bit, changing to . . .

## Chapter 93: Signs of Aging

### Signs of Canine Cognitive Dysfunction

Past studies have shown that some older dogs with CCD have brain lesions similar to those that physicians see in Alzheimer's patients. The result of these changes is a deterioration of how your dog thinks, learns, and remembers, which causes behavioral

changes that can disrupt the lives of both you and your Shih Tzu. If your senior Tzu doesn't seem to...

## Chapter 106: Your Secret Code

If you have **any** Shih Tzu questions at all, you may send them to the AllShihTzu Experts and receive a **detailed** answer within 3 days.

**Enter** the following code in the **subject line**...