



Welcome to the Afterglow Family!

Your Go-Home Guide from Afterglow Kennels



Lisa with a litter of Afterglow Scottie puppies

"When you get a puppy from Afterglow, you get Lisa for life."

Our promise to every Afterglow family — before, during, and long after pickup day

Congratulations on your new Afterglow puppy! This guide covers everything you need for pickup day and the first weeks home. **Never hesitate to call or email with questions** — before, during, or long after pickup day. As we always say: *when you get a puppy from Afterglow, you get Lisa for life.*



Pickup Day

Puppies can be picked up any day of the week, **11:00 am – 3:30 pm Eastern**. Please coordinate your exact time with us in advance, as we occasionally have more than one family picking up on the same day.

Before you come: Please schedule a visit to your own veterinarian for a checkup **within 72 hours of your puppy coming home**. This confirms the puppy is healthy per our contract. We recommend calling your vet as soon as your pickup day/time is set so you can get on their schedule.

What to Bring

If you're driving:

- A crate or carrier for the ride home
- An older, clean (not frayed) towel to line the carrier, plus one or two extras
- A small package of wet wipes

If you're flying:

See "Flying In? Here's What to Know" for full details, including what to bring for the flight.

You do **not** need to bring a collar or leash — your puppy goes home with a six-foot soft cotton slip lead that works from puppy through adulthood.

Final Payment

Any remaining balance can be paid at pickup by **Venmo, Zelle, cash, or a Cashier's Check** drawn on your bank, made out to "Afterglow Kennels, LLC."

If you're paying by Zelle or Venmo, please check your bank's daily send limit ahead of time — many banks cap transfers somewhere between \$2,500 and \$3,500 per day. If your balance is higher than your daily limit, you may need to send part of your final payment before pickup day so everything is settled in time.



Driving In? Here's What to Know

Our address: 6550 Beecher Rd, Granville, OH 43023

We're right on the line between two villages, and the addresses are a little odd. If you're coming from the west on Beecher Road, some GPS systems will announce "you have arrived" about 1,000 feet too early. It also won't look like the address exists based on the numbers on the mailboxes — just keep an eye out for **6550** on the mailbox itself. Our home has a split-rail fence out near the road.

When you pull into our driveway, **bear left through the wooden fence**. You'll see our large maroon van and two Scottie statues in the driveway. Please don't continue back the driveway toward the large yellow house — that's our neighbors, and they understandably get upset when visitors end up in their driveway by mistake.

Park in the driveway. Then send us a text or call to let us know you've arrived, and we'll come out to you — **please don't knock on the door or ring the bell**, as it will set off every dog in the house barking!

Lisa: 760-774-0081 | Geiger: 614-353-5643

Staying overnight nearby? Afterglow is about 14 minutes from the Cherry Valley Hotel, the Granville Inn, and downtown Granville. See the lodging recommendations (with special Afterglow Family pricing, subject to availability) on our [FAQ page](#).

On the Drive Home

Your puppy isn't fully vaccinated yet, so it's worth being thoughtful about where they touch the ground on the way home. **Avoid designated pet relief areas, rest stops, and the grassy patches outside fast-food restaurants** — these get heavy, constant traffic from unknown dogs and are exactly where illnesses like parvo can linger.

Better options tend to be spots most traveling dogs never visit:

- A quiet residential side street or cul-de-sac away from a busy dog-walking route
- The far edge of a hotel or office parking lot, away from the entrance where other travelers' dogs are walked
- A clean concrete area (like a driveway or sidewalk away from grass) rather than open grass, since fewer dogs are drawn to it
- Bringing a small piece of puppy pad or turf from home to set your puppy on, so they're not touching unfamiliar ground at all

Hungry While You're in Town?

If you have time before you hit the road, downtown Granville has some wonderful local spots:

- **[The Granville Inn](#)** — A historic 1924 landmark just steps from Denison University, offering refined seasonal American dining in a candlelit, stone-and-wood dining room (plus a more casual tavern menu). Serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily.
- **[The Broadway Pub](#)** — A cozy neighborhood tavern since 2005, known for salads, sandwiches, burgers, and a great craft beer and cocktail selection. Serves lunch and dinner daily.

- **Aladdin Restaurant** — A beloved, no-frills diner on Broadway serving hearty breakfast and lunch classics like patty melts, omelets, and pancakes. Breakfast and lunch only (closed Mondays and Tuesdays); no dinner service.
- **Pocho's Tequila & Cocina** — A family-owned Mexican restaurant with authentic dishes, salsa flights, an extensive tequila selection, and handcrafted margaritas. Serves lunch and dinner daily.
- **Station** — A relaxed café inside Granville's former train station, serving good coffee, breakfast sandwiches, bowls, and scratch-made pastries. Open for breakfast and lunch only; no dinner service.
- **Three Tigers Brewing Company** — Granville's only craft brewery and taproom, housed in an old fire station, pouring house-brewed beer alongside a Vietnamese-inspired food menu. Serves lunch and dinner daily.
- **Whit's Frozen Custard** — The original Whit's location, right on Broadway, serving fresh-made frozen custard, shakes, and sundaes. A fun stop for dessert any time of day.



Flying In? Here's What to Know

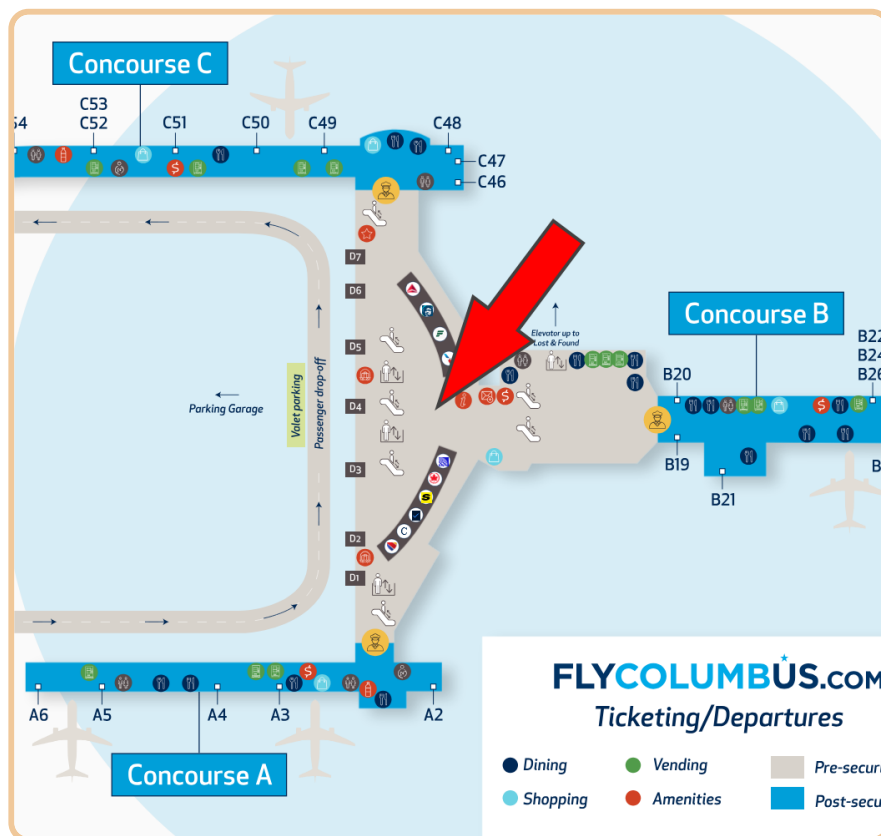
If your flight schedule allows you to get in and out of Columbus the same day, we're happy to meet you at **John Glenn International Airport (CMH)** during your layover — no extra charge. We'll introduce you to your puppy, take care of paperwork, snap some pictures, and say our goodbyes.

Please email us your flight details — arriving and departing day, time, airline, and flight number — so we can watch for any delays and time our arrival accordingly.

Consider splurging on business, first class, or premium coach for extra legroom on the return flight. Just avoid **bulkhead or exit-row seats** — airlines don't allow pets in those rows.

We typically arrive at the airport **90–120 minutes before your departure**, and the pickup meeting itself usually takes about **20–30 minutes** (paperwork, introductions, and photos).

Where to meet us: John Glenn International is a small airport. We'll meet you at the entrance to Concourse B, where it meets the main ticketing area. See the map below — the red arrow marks our usual spot.



A tip on food and drink: Because the airport is small, food and beverage options are limited once you're past security. While you wait for us, it's worth scoping out what's available in your arriving concourse.

Potty Breaks at the Airport

Please **avoid the airport's pet relief areas** — like rest stops, these see a constant stream of unknown dogs and aren't a safe bet for a puppy who isn't fully vaccinated yet. Instead, pack a few disposable puppy pads. Duck into a **Family Restroom or a handicapped stall** and lay a pad down on the floor there — these are cleaned far more frequently than pet relief areas and are a much safer option.

Capture Your Gotcha Day!

You only get one "Gotcha Day," and flying makes for some wonderful photo opportunities — your puppy in the airport, meeting TSA agents, on the plane, meeting the flight attendants. We'd love for you to capture as much of the journey home as you can!

Staying Near the Airport?

If you'd rather stay close to CMH the night before or after your flight, here are a few pet-friendly options within a couple minutes of the airport:

- **Hilton Garden Inn Columbus Airport** — About 1 mile (2 minutes) from the terminals, with a free 24-hour airport shuttle. Pet fee is \$75 for stays of 1–4 nights (\$125 for longer stays), up to 2 pets. Breakfast is *not* free (roughly \$7–\$12/person), but is available on-site. Typically runs about \$90–\$110/night.
- **Hampton Inn Columbus Airport** — Also a couple minutes from the terminals, with a free 24-hour airport shuttle and a free hot breakfast included. Pet fee is \$75, up to 2 pets. Typically runs about \$90–\$150/night depending on dates.
- **Residence Inn by Marriott Columbus Airport** — Located right on airport property with a free 24-hour shuttle and a free hot breakfast. All-suite rooms with full kitchens are handy for a longer layover or overnight. Pet fee is \$100, up to 2 pets. Typically runs about \$130–\$180/night.

Rates, pet fees, and shuttle hours can all change, so it's worth confirming directly with the hotel when you book.

Packing for the Flight Home

- A medium, airline-approved sherpa-style carrier that fits under the seat. Puppies typically weigh 4–7 pounds at pickup, so a small or medium carrier is usually ideal.
- Some new families like to bring a **Snuggle Puppy** toy (the kind with a heartbeat/warmth feature) to tuck into the carrier — many puppies find it comforting on the flight.
- Coordinate your flight plans with us *before* booking to make sure there's no schedule conflict.
- **When you make your reservation, tell the airline you'll be bringing a puppy "in-cabin" for the return flight.** Airlines limit how many animals are allowed in the cabin per flight, so this needs to be arranged at the time of booking, not just mentioned afterward.
- If your airline requires it, we can arrange a Travel Health Certificate and Certificate of Acclimation through our local vet (additional cost, if needed) — this is rarely required for domestic in-cabin pet travel, but it's worth double-checking your airline's specific policy.
- TSA wait times at Columbus are typically short — usually about **10–15 minutes**. Check current, hour-by-hour estimates on the airport's own security page: flycolumbus.com/passengers/security.

After You Have Your Puppy: Airline Check-In & Security

- 1 Check in with the ticket agent.** You and your puppy (in the carrier) will need to stop at the ticket counter. The agent will weigh the puppy and carrier together, and confirm the carrier gives the puppy enough room to stand up and turn around. If your puppy seems to be crying a bit as you approach, it's worth stepping out of line for a few minutes to let them settle first — if a ticket agent feels a puppy is crying too much, they may say the puppy isn't allowed to fly. If this is your puppy's first time in the carrier, crying is usually just tiredness and unfamiliarity with something new — most puppies settle down and fall asleep within 5–10 minutes.
- 2 Pay the pet fee.** This is typically **\$125–\$150**, paid directly to the airline.
- 3 Going through security:** Take your puppy out of the carrier and send the empty carrier through the X-ray belt. Hold your puppy in your arms and carry them through the metal detector yourself.
- 4** Airline pet-travel policies and TSA screening procedures can change, so check your airline's website and [tsa.gov](https://www.tsa.gov) for current requirements before flying domestically with your puppy.



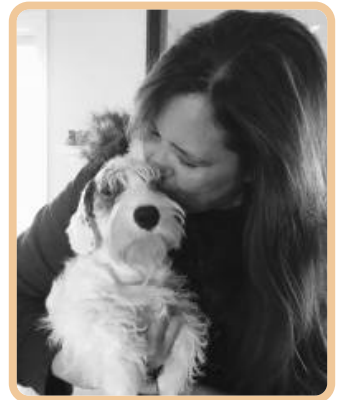
What to Expect Once You're Home

You (and your puppy) may both be a little tired and nervous at first. Your puppy will likely want to eat a little, have some water, and be held, talked to, and reassured while getting to know you.

"Start as you mean to go." Wherever you want your puppy to sleep long-term — a crate, or your bedroom — start that pattern on night one. The first night sets the tone for every night after.

Your puppy is used to a routine: bedtime around 9:00 pm Eastern, and an early start around 6:00 am (they'll adjust over time). Expect them to want to go potty right away, then eat and drink.

For those first meals home, offer a smaller amount than the usual serving — about **¼ to ½ cup, twice a day** — since the excitement and stress of the trip can unsettle little tummies. You can work back up to their regular amount (see Feeding, below) over the following few days.



A Quick Puppy-Proofing Pass

Before pickup day, it's worth walking through your home at puppy's-eye level to check for:

- Small choking hazards on the floor — coins, rubber bands, jewelry, bottle caps
- Electrical cords within reach (or use cord covers/concealers)
- Trash cans without secure lids, and cleaning supplies or medications stored low
- Toxic houseplants (check the [ASPCA's toxic plant list](#) if unsure)
- Closed toilet lids and secured blind/curtain cords

Set Up a Puppy Zone

A gated-off area (baby gates or an exercise pen) with your puppy's bed, crate, and toys gives them a safe home base and makes it much easier to supervise them, support potty training, and limit full run of the house until they've settled in and learned the rules.

Introducing Other Pets or Family Members

If you have other dogs or pets at home, plan calm, slow, supervised introductions rather than a big group meeting all at once. The same goes for young children — introduce them one at a time and always supervise early interactions.



Feeding Your Puppy

We feed [Fromm Family Puppy Gold Food](#), transitioning to [Fromm Family Adult Gold Food](#) around one year old. Dry food helps keep teeth clean.

**$\frac{1}{2}$ – $\frac{3}{4}$ cup
per feeding**

**Twice daily
6:30 am & 4:00 pm ET**

**Weight doubles
in first year**

- We send a small bag of our food home with you — mix it 50/50 with whatever food you'll be feeding going forward, to ease the transition
- We also give the puppies [Dogzymes Probiotic Max](#) and [Cran-Tri-C vitamins](#) mixed into their food. Feel free to use our discount code at checkout.
- Consider a gel probiotic like [Bene-Bac](#) for the first few days home — the stress of the move can upset little tummies
- Offer plenty of fresh water throughout the day (we use reverse-osmosis filtered water)



Keeping Your Puppy Safe: Vaccines & Socialization

Your puppy leaves us with "5-way" vaccinations (distemper, adenovirus, hepatitis, parainfluenza, parvovirus) plus nasal bordetella — but they are **not fully protected** until they've completed their full vaccine series, generally around 16–20 weeks of age.

Until Your Puppy Is Fully Vaccinated

- Avoid dog parks, pet supply stores, busy sidewalks, walking trails, and any place unfamiliar dogs frequent — parvovirus in particular can linger in soil and on surfaces for months
- Don't let your puppy walk on the ground in public spaces or greet dogs whose vaccination and health history you don't know
- A private, fenced yard that hasn't been visited by unknown dogs is a safe place for your puppy to explore, potty, and play
- Playdates with dogs you know are fully vaccinated and healthy — in your home or theirs — are generally fine

Socialization still matters. Vets and trainers agree that early socialization is just as important as disease protection — the critical window for it actually closes around 14–16 weeks, before most puppies finish their shots. The goal isn't total isolation, it's *smart* exposure:

- Carry your puppy (don't let their feet touch the ground) through public places like outdoor markets or pet-friendly stores
- Invite calm, vaccinated, friendly dogs you know over for supervised visits
- Once your puppy has had their first round of shots, some vets are comfortable with puppy classes that screen for vaccination and sanitize between sessions — ask your vet what they recommend
- Work on bonding, handling, gentle exposure to new experiences, and basic training in the meantime

When in doubt, check with your veterinarian about what's appropriate for your puppy's specific vaccine schedule.



Training Your Puppy

Reach out to training centers near you to ask two things: what their **vaccination requirements** are for enrollment, and **when their next puppy class starts**. Many schools run classes on a rolling schedule, so it's worth getting on a list early.

Afterglow puppies are very smart — smart enough that in this new relationship, **someone is getting trained**. We strongly suggest it is you training the puppy and not the other way around!

We highly recommend working toward the **AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC)** program with your puppy. It's a well-structured, widely respected training path that builds good manners, reliable behavior around people and other dogs, and a strong foundation for anything you want to do with your dog down the road — therapy work, further training titles, or just a well-mannered companion. Learn more at the [AKC Canine Good Citizen program page](#).



Should You Spay or Neuter, and When?

This is entirely your decision — you should never feel pressured by a vet, friend, or family member either way. Both Scotties and Sealyhams are "at-risk" breeds with very small gene pools, so we ask families to keep their options open rather than assume they'll never breed.

If you do decide to spay or neuter, we recommend waiting until your dog is two years old. This is based on the connection between early spay/neuter and problems with joint growth plate development.

Why growth plates matter: Growth plates are the areas of cartilage at the ends of a puppy's bones that allow them to lengthen as the dog grows. In most dogs, they don't close and fully harden into stable bone until around 18 months of age. Sex hormones help regulate when growth plates close — removing those hormones too early can cause bones to keep growing longer than they should, which can lead to abnormal joint angles and a higher risk of joint problems later, including hip dysplasia, cruciate ligament tears, and patellar luxation.

For more detail and a helpful growth-plate closure chart, see [Before You Do Something Permanent. Know About Growth Plates](#).



Health Care & Insurance

- **72-hour vet visit:** Per our contract, please have your puppy examined by your own veterinarian within 72 hours of coming home. This visit typically includes a physical exam, a weight check, and a fecal/parasite screen, and it's a good time to ask your vet about a deworming and monthly flea/tick/heartworm prevention schedule going forward.
- **AKC insurance:** Once we register your puppy with AKC, you'll receive an offer for **30 days of free coverage through AKC Pet Insurance. Sign up the same day you get that email** — it's easy to set it aside and forget with a new puppy in the house keeping you busy, and then the offer window has passed.
- Puppies from Breeder of Merit litters (like ours) are eligible for a **10% discount on annual AKC Pet Insurance coverage** beyond the free 30 days. *(Not available in all states; some exclusions may apply.)*
- **We strongly encourage you to get coverage beyond those 30 days.** Veterinary emergencies are unpredictable and can be expensive — most vets expect payment up front, even in an emergency, and having insurance means you can focus on what's best for your dog rather than what you can afford in the moment.
 - We don't endorse a specific company, but look for a policy with a **high (ideally unlimited) lifetime maximum** rather than one that tries to cover everything, including routine visits and shots, at a high premium.
 - Check whether your auto/home insurer, employer benefits, military affiliation (USAA offers reduced rates), or a warehouse club membership (e.g., Costco) includes a pet insurance discount.

⚠ Please Tell Us Right Away If Your Puppy Seems Unwell

If you notice any health issue — lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite, or anything that seems off — in the **first two weeks** after your puppy comes home, please contact us immediately, even if you're already in touch with your own vet. Your puppy's littermates have gone to other families, and if there's a concern that could affect them too, we need to be able to reach out and have those families watch for the same symptoms. Please don't wait to see if it resolves on its own before letting us know.

Share Your Photos!

We love seeing social media posts of our puppies and dogs out in the world! When you post, please add **#afterglowkennels** so we can find them — it's also how other Afterglow families find and connect with each other. Over the years it's turned into a real network of Afterglow families staying in touch, swapping tips, and cheering each other's puppies on.



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