**Needs of Dog under One Year of Age**
*(7.5 A procedure to accommodate the needs of dogs under one year of age)*

**1) Prior to Boarding**
Initially discuss breed / traits and requirements with owner
Ensure the dog is suitable for the accommodation that is being provided – being realistic as to what can be provided in terms of size, temperament, general health and history
Ensure there is at least one ‘meet and greet’ to help the young dog be familiarised with site – to visit with owner

**2) Sleeping Arrangements**Ensure suitable bedding, toys and chews etc are provided
Ensuring there is a quiet, safe area to rest / sleep
Discuss with owner where the dog sleeps – in kitchen, in bedroom etc
 Crate only to be used if already habituated

**3) Routine / Exercise / Enrichment/Medications**Daily routine discussed / training to date / exercising / enrichment /behaviours/ sleeping arrangements – maintain routine as much as possible – as outlined by owner
Appropriate food and treats provided; amounts to feed and times to be discussed with owner
Dog is familiar with wearing harness and being walked on a lead
Discuss socialisation and habituation with owner – what the dog is used to, the types of environments the dog is familiar with, meeting other dogs and people – behaviours whilst out walking
If young dog is overly aroused – allow time to settle, observe behaviours / offer enrichment
Discuss medications (if applicable) and when / how to administer
Contact details of vet / emergency procedures discussed

**4) Toilet Training**Discuss toilet training with owner - ensuring easy, frequent access to outside area – dog encouraged to toilet outside, if accidents occur inside – clean with appropriate enzymatic products; cleaning materials kept in named cupboard
 **5) Environment**Ensuring the internal environment is safe – no trailing wires, slippery surfaces etc
Ensuring the external environment is securely contained – no sharp objects, clean and secure etc
Ensure dog’s safety – not jumping from heights (eg, furniture, stairs)
Safety gates in place to prevent dog from accessing un-supervised areas
The environment is kept as calm and quiet as possible

**6) Misc**
To keep in contact with owner at all times – regular updates