

PUPPY GROWTH CHART

FIGURE OUT HOW OLD A PUPPY IS AND WHAT THEY NEED AT THIS STAGE IN THEIR GROWING



I can't see or hear!

NEWBORN - 2 WEEKS

- My eyes and ears are closed
- I cannot manage my own body temperature
- **I need to nurse from my mother to receive the nutrition I need to survive**
- My mother will lick me to stimulate me to urinate and defecate
- I will double my body weight in the first two weeks of my life



2- 4 WEEKS

- My eyes and ears are starting to open
- I am starting to stand and move around more on my own
- I am starting to wag my tail, growl and play with my siblings and mother



Watch out – my teeth are sharp

4-6 WEEKS

- I can now hear and see
- I can walk, run and play
- I can start to eat puppy food, **but I am still nursing from mom occasionally**
- My mother no longer cleans up my urine and feces
- I am developing my bark, so I may be getting noisier!
- My puppy teeth are coming in



I can survive with puppy food only

6-8 WEEKS

- I am no longer nursing from my mother
- I am starting to learn about my surroundings and how to socialize with people and other animals
- I can be separated from my mother and siblings and adopted to my new home at **8 weeks of age**



16 + WEEKS

- I am growing into an adult now
- I will have all my adult teeth by 6 months of age
- **I can become sexually mature as early as 6 months of age**
- Please continue to socialize me, train me and teach me new things!



This is my last vaccine needed as a puppy!

14-16 WEEKS

- I should get my **third and final shot** of my puppy vaccination series plus my rabies vaccine
- Please continue to socialize me, train me and teach me new things!



I can also be dewormed

12-14 WEEKS

- I should get my **second (of three) shot** of my puppy vaccination series
- I am still very receptive to learning and socializing
- I am starting to lose my puppy teeth and my adult teeth are coming in



8-12 WEEKS

- I am becoming very playful and growing a lot!
- I am still learning about my surroundings and how to socialize with people and other animals
- **I should start my vaccinations**
- I am receptive to training