# PUPPY GROWTH CHART

## FIGURE OUT HOW OLD A PUPPY IS AND WHAT They need at this stage in their growing

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I can't see or hear!





Watch out – my teeth are sharp



I can survive with puppy food only

# **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

## 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

## 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!



## 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

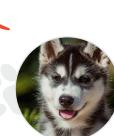
12-14 WEEKS

- 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



This is my last vaccine needed as a puppy!