PUPPY MILESTONES

What to expect when you're adopting

ongratulations on your new family member! If this is your first puppy or even if it's been awhile since you've had a really young one in the household, here are a few milestones to help you track your dog's progress. Keep in mind these are general guidelines and can vary based on your puppy's breed and other factors.



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Whelp—A newborn puppy that lacks the ability to see, hear or regulate body temperature.



Neonate, 0 to **13 days**—The pup cannot see, hear, regulate body temperature or eliminate

without stimulation and is totally dependent on its mom.

> Transition period, 13 to 21 days— The pup's eyes and ears

gradually open, and it begins to hear and respond to taste and smell.

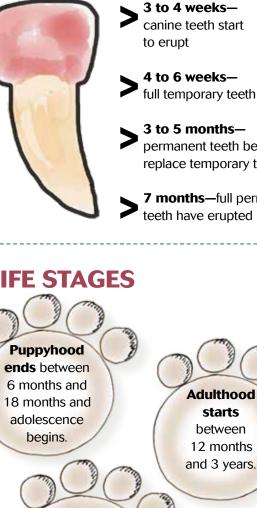
Awareness period, 21 to 23 days-The pup is able to use its senses of sight and hearing. Learning begins.



Canine socialization period, 3 to 7 weeks—

The pup learns specific behaviors that make it a dog such as barking, chasing, biting and body posturing. The pup also begins to eliminate on its own at 3 to 4 weeks.

DENTAL DETAILS



canine teeth start

4 to 6 weeksfull temporary teeth erupt

3 to 5 monthspermanent teeth begin to replace temporary teeth

7 months—full permanent teeth have erupted

LIFE STAGES

Adulthood starts between 12 months

Seniorhood begins between 6 and 10 years.

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