



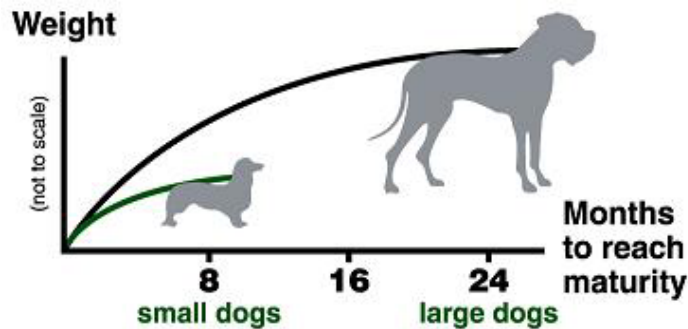
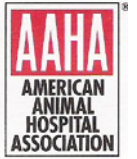
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This chart can help you know approximately when to expect your pup to reach key milestones in its young life, and when you can expect to begin teaching specific skills. But every pup is different – small breeds mature more quickly than large breeds, for example. Please use this check off sheet to chart your pup's development.

Proper nutrition is essential for the healthy growth and development of your pup, that's why we recommend Purina Pro-Plan puppy food.

Month 1:

- Baby teeth erupting
- Weaning can begin

Month 1 ½:

- Nipping, play fight, chewing
- Approximately 70% of adult brain mass is present

Month 2 or as soon as you bring your puppy home:

- Begin integration with household (including other children and pets)
- Begin housebreaking
- Come to Braden Run Animal Hospital to begin puppy boosters
- Talk to us about the benefits of spay/neuter
- Ask us about your puppy's dental health

Month 3:

- Chasing other animals, thrown objects, own tail
- Recognizes own name
- Begins to respond to "Come"
- Approximately 90% of adult brain mass is present
- Required by law to be licensed. We carry Greene County dog licenses.
- Rabies vaccination and puppy boosters
- Talk to us about scheduling your pup's spay or neuter

Month 4:

- Responds to "Come"
- Come to Braden Run Animal Hospital for puppy boosters

Month 5:

- Approaching adult height and weight for small breed dogs (those whose adult weight is less than 20lbs)

Month 6:

- Fetching, remember that toys remain important throughout adulthood
- Can respond to "Heel," "Down," "Sit," "Fetch," and "Stay"
- Sexual maturity for some small breed dogs

Month 7:

- Baby teeth lost, permanent adult teeth are present
- Talk to Braden Run Animal Hospital about your puppy's dental health

Month 8:

- Puppy can be expected to hold eliminations for about 8 hours

Month 9:

- Puppy training complete

Month 12:

- Approaching adult height and weight for large breed dogs
- Ask us if your pup is ready for Purina Pro Plan Adult dog food

Month 18:

- Approaching social maturity and adult behavior in all dogs