

# PUPPY DEVELOPMENT

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM YOUR NEW PUPPY. AND WHEN TO EXPECT IT.

### 2 months – or as soon as you bring your new puppy home

- All Eukanuba Puppy & Junior formulas include natural fish oil with DHA for optimal brain development
- Begin housebreaking and integration with household (including children and other pets)
- Begin talking with your vet about vaccinations and the benefits of spaying/neutering
- Begin puppy socialisation classes

### 1 month

- Milk teeth are coming in
- Weaning can begin



### 1½ month

- Nipping, play fighting, chewing
- About 70% of adult brain mass present
- Introduce your puppy to your friendly vet



### 4 months

- Responds to "come", "sit", "wait" and "down"

### 3 months

- Chasing other animals, thrown objects, own tail
- Recognises own name
- About 90% adult brain mass is present

### 5 months

- Training classes can continue to further your puppy's education
- Approaching adult height and weight for small breeds (up to 10kg at maturity)

### 6 months

- Enjoys fetching and playing games
- Can respond to "heel", "fetch", "stay"
- Sexual maturity in some small breed dogs (time to neuter)

### 8 months

- Puppy can refrain from needing the toilet for around 8 hours

### 9 months

- Can walk on the lead
- Can recognise names of individual family members

### 7 months

- Milk teeth are lost; permanent teeth are in
- Talk with your veterinarian about your puppy's dental health and the advantages of Eukanuba's DentaDefense System™

### 12 months

- Approaching adult height and weight for small, medium and large breeds (up to 40kg at maturity) Giant breeds mature from 18-24 months
- Responds to off-lead control
- Bones and joints have developed to allow more varied exercise

### 18 - 24 months

- Maturity for giant breed dogs



### When to switch to an Adult Formula?

Most puppies are ready for transition from puppy food to adult food at these ages:

- Small breeds: 12 months
- Medium breeds: 12 months
- Large breeds: 12 months
- Giant breeds: 24 months

Ask your veterinarian about the best time to switch your puppy to the right Eukanuba Formula.



### Your puppy, month by month.

This chart can help you know when to expect your puppy to reach key milestones in its young life, and when you can expect to begin teaching specific skills. But every puppy is different – small breeds mature more quickly than large breeds, for example.

**Your veterinarian can help.** Ask him or her about nutrition, vaccinations, spaying/neutering, or any questions you have about your puppy's behaviour or development.

Eukanuba provides lifetime nutrition, customised for small, medium and large breed dogs. That's why vets and top breeders recommend Eukanuba. For more information on nutrition, growth and development, visit [www.eukanuba.com](http://www.eukanuba.com).