




AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

A Day In The Life of a Puppy

Setting schedules and developing a routine is important for your new puppy and for you. You can't anticipate everything, but here are some of the most important moments to get you and your pup in sync.

Featuring the Pembroke Welsh Corgi



Time to go out!

EARLY MORNING

Take the puppy out to relieve himself. If you have a little time, it's also a good time to play and interact with him.

BREAKFAST TIME

Wash his water bowl and give him clean water when you feed him.

AFTER BREAKFAST

Let's take a quick walk so I can go again!

Although everyone is busy in the morning getting ready for work or school, a quick walk after breakfast gives him a chance to do his business one more time.

MID-MORNING

The rest of the morning might be devoted to nap time if you're home during the day. Your puppy may want to hang out with you while you're working or doing your morning chores. He'll also need to go out at least one more time before lunch. If everyone leaves the house for the day, consider having a pet sitter come in and walk him.

NOON

Lunchtime! Naturally, a trip outside should follow a meal.

MID-AFTERNOON

It's probably nap time again. And time to go out - again.

DINNER

I love to eat while you do!

If you arrange his mealtimes around yours, it will become natural to feed him either while you're preparing dinner or while the household is eating.

EVENING

Potty break, of course. The early evening is a good time for play and lots of interaction. You also want to let him burn off some puppy energy before bedtime. If you have time, an evening stroll gives him exercise and a chance to take a potty break. But schedule at least a few minutes outdoors before bed.




BEDTIME

A set bedtime makes his adjustment and house training easier for everyone; whether it's 8 p.m. or midnight, it doesn't matter, as long as it becomes a routine. Take him to his crate and help him settle down for the night.

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feeding your new puppy

How often to feed your puppy


6 to 12 weeks old	3 to 6 months	6 to 12 months and beyond
		
4 times per day	3 times per day	2 times per day

How much to feed your puppy

- Follow the recommendations on your food bag.
- Talk to your veterinarian about adjusting the amount of food based on:
 - Your puppy's activity level**
Very active dogs may need 5% to 25% more calories.
 - Your puppy's condition**
Underweight dogs may need more food and overweight dogs may need less.


Underweight

The ribs and hip bones are highly visible and jut out when viewed from above.




Ideal weight

The ribs can be seen and felt, the belly tucks up when viewed from the side, and the dog has a visible waist when viewed from above.












Overweight

The stomach is rounded when viewed from the side, and the dog has no waist when viewed from above.



Factor in treats

- Treats should only make up 10% of a puppy's daily calories.
- Feed small treats and try these healthy, low-calorie, human-food treats for dogs:

			
Apple slices	Bananaslices	Berries	Broccoli florets
			
Carrot slices	Green beans	Plain popcorn	
			
Rice cakes	Watermelon		

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Feeding Chart

Age & Weight at Maturity	1-1/2 to 3 Months	3 to 5 Months	5 to 7 Months	7 Months to 1 Year	
Toy 3-12 lbs.	1/3 to 1 cup	1/2 to 1 cup	1 to 1-1/4 cups	1 to 1-1/4 cups	Times per day vary by individual needs.
Small 13-20 lbs.	1-1/4 to 3-2/3 cups	1 to 1-2/3 cups	1-2/3 to 2 cups	1-2/3 to 2 cups	Times per day vary by individual needs.
Medium 21-50 lbs.	1-1/4 to 3-2/3 cups	2-1/4 to 4-1/3 cups	3 to 4-1/2 cups	3 to 4-1/4 cups	Times per day vary by individual needs.
Large 51-100 lbs.	1-3/4 to 4-1/4 cups	3-1/4 to 5-1/3 cups	4-1/2 to 6-1/3 cups	4-1/4 to 6-1/3 cups	Times per day vary by individual needs.
Extra Large 51-100 lbs. and over	4-1/4 to 5-1/4 cups	5-1/3 to 7 cups	6-1/3 to 8-3/4 cups	6-1/3 to 10-2/3 cups	Times per day vary by individual needs.