

▶ 4 to 6 Months

Play is the Way!

- Puppies think they can fly!
 - Duckling phase has usually faded away and replaced with curiosity, confidence and wandering
 - Typically no longer following close or coming back when called!
- Increase in mouthing and teething
 - Puppy teeth are starting to fall out and being replaced with adult teeth, causing your puppy to start chewing and biting on inappropriate things.
- Increase in hormones
 - Early stages of puberty are beginning to show
- Potential for another fear period to happen
- Play is one of the most important skills to teach your puppy
 - Generalize play in all new environments to help your puppy stay confident and comfortable.
- Crucial socialization window closes at 4 month!
- Don't be afraid to seek the help of a professional trainer to make sure you are on the right track with your puppy! It is better to be well prepared from the start than to wait until negative behaviors pop up later on!

