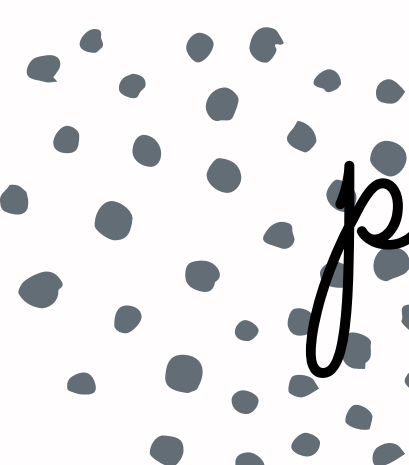




puppy stages

OF DEVELOPMENT

6 - 8

weeks

SOCIALIZE AND TRAIN:

Socialization is key at this point to help the puppy establish its place in social structures, situations, and to gain confidence. Your puppy is starting to learn about its bite inhibition and biting as a result. Basic commands, such as "sit" and "come", housebreaking, and training are now possible.

8 - 12

weeks

THE CRITICAL PERIOD:

Your pup will start to show dislike in certain things and curiosity in others. This period is critical for the socialization of the pup as they start to have mixed feelings of curiosity and apprehension towards the world. Exposure to many things (sounds, places, etc.) and many social interactions is vital.

3 - 6

months

ENERGY & CHEWING:

Your pup will have large amounts of energy and curiosity during this stage. The adult teeth are starting to develop and come in, causing discomfort. As a result, your pup will have an innate desire to chew on things. Puppy teething toys and puppy bones are great at this stage.

6 - 18

months

TESTING BOUNDARIES:

With its developed confidence and independence, your pup will now start to test boundaries. Issues with obedience and authority will arise.



18 +

months

ADULTHOOD:

Energy levels will drop and personality will start to solidify. Your puppy will start to mature, develop self-control, and will respond to highly advanced training.

