



Pawfect Dogsense

Community Interest Company

What to expect

8-12 weeks
(2-3 months)

12-16 Weeks
(3-4 months)

16-24 weeks
(4-6 months)

6-12 months

12-18 months

18 months+

Sensitive phase

Toilet mistakes!

Toilet breaks every hour
Teething
Mouthing
Testing
Pouncing
Crying when left
Waking up 5-6am
Wanting to sleep on you
20 mins activity
Lots of naps
Boundless confidence
Lots of play
Hyper friends and family
Protection needed from over handling/hyperactivity

Toilet trained@
Sleeping at night

Waking up 6-8am
Teething gets worse!
Teach Ouch
Teach YES!
Teach Oh Dear
Over Confidence
Frustration & Time outs
40 mins activity
High level social awareness with humans (easily spoilt for attention!)
Ignored or told off by older dogs
Increased Physical Confidence

Fear phase

Biting toys not people
Relaxed when left 2-3 hours
Lots of Chewing
Spooking!
Reduction in confidence
60-90 mins activity
Barking, 'uffing' or running away
Barking in frustration
Slower approach to strangers
Hyperactivity
Head butts during handling
Teeth fall out

Early Adolescence

Young Teenager
1st Season
Humping/Mounting
Boundary pushing
Over Confidence
Will fall in pond/canal
Irritating to adult dogs
Learning calming signals in play
Will run off at least once!
Jumping up at guests
Gaps in early socialisation to noise/handling/sights become apparent

Late Adolescence

Older Teenager
Increased attention span
Increased patience
Choosy with dog playmates
Increased Scent marking on walks and sniffing
Settled into home routine
Eager for job
Needs mental stimulation
Ideal time for specialist training
May become self employed guard dog/ family manager

Adult

Fully Physically mature
Relaxed when left 4-6 hours
Good attention
Less playful
Breed Traits define play & prey behaviour
Owner centered
More prone to sexual behaviour, courtship displays and male to male posturing/squabbles
May express behaviour problems due to gaps in training or socialisation