

Children's Resources: All About Puppies



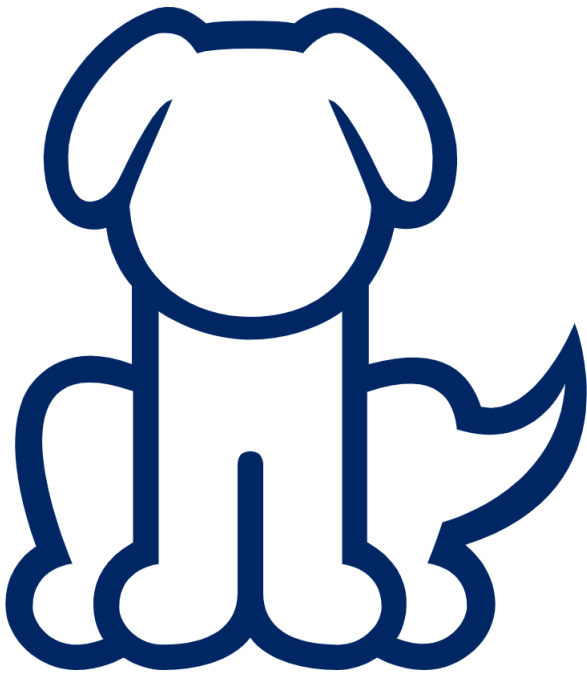
Word of the Day: Puppy

Dogs are considered puppies from the day they are born up to one year of age. Newborn puppies require a lot of care and attention to grow up happy and healthy.

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever seen a puppy? Have you ever played with a puppy? What was it like?
- What do you think puppies like to do? What did you like to do when you were a baby?

If I had a puppy...



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Puppies cannot see or hear when they are born because their eyes and ears are closed. Their eyes and ears will open when they are 3 weeks old.

A puppy's coat may change color as they age. Some puppies are even born with green fur! This may be caused by surrounding liquid while they are in their mother's belly.



Puppies lose their baby teeth too! Puppy teeth begin to grow at 3 weeks of age and finish by 8 weeks. Between 3-6 months, puppies start wanting to chew as their adult teeth come in.

It's important for puppies to socialize and play because it teaches them how to act around other pets and people. Puppies can also begin learning simple commands like "sit".



It is important to housetrain puppies to teach them when and where it is appropriate to take a bathroom break.

Puppies will need to visit the veterinarian to receive vaccines and heartworm medication. Vaccines are given to help protect puppies from catching certain diseases.



A puppy is no longer a puppy when they reach one year of age. However, they may continue to grow until they reach 18 months. Certain breeds grow faster or slower than others.

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Activities



Infants/Toddlers

Puppy Sounds

Materials: computer/tablet, videos of puppies

- Introduce your child to what puppies sound like!
- Start by asking your child if they know what sound a puppy makes. Tell them puppies go "Woof!" and let them practice making the sound with you.
- Search online for videos of puppy sounds. Have your child practice their listening skills and mimic the puppies in the video.

Puppy Texture

Materials: pictures/videos of puppies, stuffed animal or soft object

- Introduce your child to what puppies feel like!
- Let your child pet a stuffed animal or soft object to demonstrate to your child what a puppy feels like.
- Some adjectives you can share are "soft", "smooth", "fuzzy", "furry", "fluffy", and "warm".



PreK - Kindergarten

Puppy Vocabulary

Materials: paper & pencil, crayons/markers/colored pencils

- Make spelling fun by introducing new words related to puppies! Some words include: puppy, dog, paw, bark, fur, tail, nose, ears, and snout.
- You can have your child practice on paper with a writing tool, or you can get creative by having them practice tracing the letters in sand, using alphabet magnets, or using letter stickers.

Activities



1st — 5th Grades

If I Had a Puppy...

Materials: paper & pencil, crayons/markers/colored pencils

- Encourage your child to brainstorm what it would be like to care for their very own puppy. What would they name it? What color would they like it to be? What would they like to do with their puppy?
- Children can write about and/or draw their puppy. Use the template on Page 1 to help guide your child along.



All Ages

Sharing Puppy Facts!

Materials: fact sheet on Page 2

- Encourage your child to share fun facts about puppies with friends/family! Use the Puppy Fact Sheet on Page 2 for a ton of puppy information!

Tune into a Puppy Cam!

Materials: computer/tablet

- If you or your child love cute animal videos, try tuning into a puppy cam! Check out this one from [Explore by clicking here](#).
- Be on the lookout for different puppy behaviors, such as playing, sleeping, and chewing.
- Identify the items in their playpen - do you see dog beds? Puppy pads? Toys?