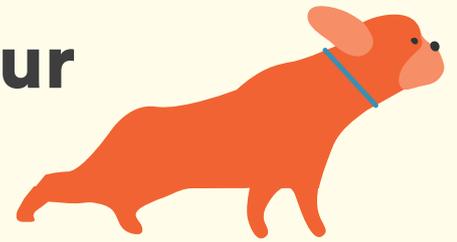




# How to care for your teenage puppy



## THE FIRST FEW DAYS



**Howling and crying after being separated from their mother.** This can be a scary time for your puppy, so they may need some comforting during the night until they have settled in.

Visit the vet to get them registered and for a check-up. They'll advise you on booking vaccinations, worming treatments, neutering and microchipping.

Get your puppy gradually used to wearing a collar, being handled and walking on the lead.

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Before their second round of vaccinations carry your puppy outside so they can see and smell the outside world without risk of picking up disease.

### Messing in the house.

Accidents happen. Don't punish them – if you catch them about to go call them to go outside – make a fuss when they toilet outside.

Your puppy should receive his first round of vaccinations at eight weeks.

**Your puppy cries at night.** If your puppy does cry at night he may need to go to the toilet. Praise calmly he goes, but otherwise don't make too much fuss.

### Play biting.

Play biting is a natural game for puppies. Use toys to distract him if he bites your hand – he'll soon learn that toys are more fun to play with.



## THREE MONTHS

**Keep experiences positive.** Keep all experiences positive for your puppy. Use treats and toys so he associates pleasant feelings with the experience.

**Being left alone.** Puppies need to be taught that it's okay to spend time on their own. Doing this gradually now helps him to get used to being alone for short periods, making it easier when he is older.

Around now is the time for your puppy to receive their second round of vaccinations.



Your dog's temperament has changed or is behaving differently. It varies, but at about six months your dog will go through puberty, and their behaviour might change e.g. male dogs may begin to show more interest in females. If you haven't already, now's the time to speak to your vet about neutering.



## SIX MONTHS

Take your puppy to training classes so they can learn basic training and meet other puppies and people. Ask your vet for advice or visit the Association of Pet Dog Trainers. [www.adpt.co.uk](http://www.adpt.co.uk).

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