

## NEW PUPPY DAILY SCHEDULE

6 – 8 am	Get puppy up, outside to potty, breakfast and play time.
8 – 11 am	Naptime in crate w/ door closed if possible.
11am – 1 pm	Get puppy up, outside to potty, lunch and play time.
1 – 4 pm	Naptime in crate w/ door closed if possible.
4 – 9 pm	Get puppy up, outside to potty, dinner and play time, lots of play and petting/snuggles.
9 pm	Bedtime in crate w/ door closed if possible.

Do this schedule from at least 8 weeks – 4 months at a minimum. Put a Snuggle Puppy in the crate with your puppy to soothe.

## RECOMMENDED FEEDING & ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

Be proactive about taking your puppy outside to go potty (every 10-15 minutes if possible). Ring the bells and click and give a treat when they go. The more consistent you are the faster they learn.

Regarding food, every dog is unique in size but growth plates are open until 10 months old. Feed

- 3x/day for 8-12 weeks old
- 3 9 months 2x/day
- around 10 months of age go to 1x/day in late afternoon

Be observant of your dog and as stated by <u>WSAVA's Body Condition Score</u>, 'it is ideal for the ribs to be easily palpable, with minimal fat covering. Waist easily noted, viewed from above. Abdominal tuck evident (behind ribs).' If link breaks, Google WSAVA Body Condition Score for the visual.

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