

Puppy First Year: Month-by-Month Checklist

Check off milestones as they happen. Full guide: [Puppy First Year Calendar on Daily Pet Care Hub](#).

Stage	Key tasks & milestones	Done / notes
Months 2–3	Vaccine series starts; deworming; potty routine; crate intro; socialization (sounds, people, surfaces); name response	
Month 4	Puppy class; finish socialization window; vaccines complete; teething starts; sit / down / come	
Months 5–6	Teething peak (frozen chews); loose-leash practice; 5-min/month exercise rule; discuss spay/neuter with vet	
Months 7–9	Adolescence: keep training, long line for recall, higher-value treats, extra enrichment; watch weight	
Months 10–12	Transition to adult food (vet-approved); consolidate adult routine; 1-year wellness exam & boosters	

Ongoing every month

Task	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12
Parasite prevention											
Weigh-in											
Nail trim											
Training minutes daily											
Grooming session											

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