



Traveling Gypsy Corgis



Puppy Development Deadlines

Puppies learn things in stages. The following stages are windows of opportunity to teach a puppy everything they need to know, so they can live a long and happy life.




1-12 weeks

- Gentle, positive handling by a variety of different people.
- Positive socialisation with people of all ages, as many as possible. (200-300)
- Successfully living in a home environment with household sounds both at the breeder and new home.
- Housetrained by breeder and continued in new home.
- Interaction and play with mother and littermates whilst with breeder. Meet well-balanced dogs when in new home.
- Daily handling and health checking should be habitual.



12-18 weeks

- Crate training should be completed.
- Bite inhibition taught and reinforced. (The window of opportunity for learning bite inhibition closes in this period)
- Positive training should be in place, ideally clicker or marker training.
- Regular play with other suitable dogs should be normal.
- Recall should be taught.
- General manners should be fully learned.
- Socialisation tick-sheet should be fully completed.



18 weeks and beyond

- Continue training to maintain confidence.
- Continue socialisation to prevent social regression through this sensitive period but be aware that adolescence may cause a secondary fear period, therefore be careful.
- Be aware that hormonal changes may cause problems but they are usually temporary.