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It just takes time.

A FIRST-YEAR CARE RESOURCE

My puppy's first year

Enter a date of birth to see useful dates for vaccinations, worming, a health check and the early learning window. Tick items as you go, or print the plan and keep it with your pet's health record.

Name (optional)

Your pet's name

Date of birth

dd/mm/yyyy

Final early C3 date (when known)

dd/mm/yyyy

Dates are a planning guide, not a fixed prescription. Have the breeder or rescue record ready for your home visit, or send it ahead. Enter the actual final early vaccine date to calculate the first booster, due 12 months later. Your choices are saved only in this browser.

Puppy learning window

About 3–14 weeks. Start calm, positive experiences now; do not wait for the final vaccination. A frightening experience can leave a lasting association. Let your puppy choose to approach, reward curiosity and move away if they show fear.

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Early learning: a weekly check-in

Each week, plan a few brief, pleasant experiences with people, sounds, surfaces and known healthy, vaccinated dogs. Avoid dog parks and forced greetings.

- ☐ **Week 8** Date: _____
- ☐ **Week 9** Date: _____
- ☐ **Week 10** Date: _____
- ☐ **Week 11** Date: _____
- ☐ **Week 12** Date: _____
- ☐ **Week 13** Date: _____
- ☐ **Week 14** Date: _____

First weeks — usually with the breeder or carer

- ☐ **Confirm intestinal worming at 2 weeks**
  Date: _____
  Ask for the date and product; do not assume an unrecorded dose was given.
- ☐ **Confirm intestinal worming at 4 weeks**
  Date: _____
  Ask for the date and product; do not assume an unrecorded dose was given.

- [ ] **Confirm intestinal worming at 6 weeks**

  Date: _____

  Ask for the date and product; do not assume an unrecorded dose was given.

6–8 weeks — first checks

- [ ] **First C3 vaccination**

  Date: _____

  C3 covers distemper, hepatitis and parvovirus.

- [ ] **Intestinal worming at 8 weeks**

  Date: _____

  Use a product suitable for the current age and weight.

- [ ] **Book a first health check**

  Date: _____

  Have vaccination, worming and microchip records ready for the home visit.

- [ ] **Check microchip registration and transfer**

  Date: _____

  In Queensland, puppies and kittens should be microchipped before 12 weeks, unless exempt.

- [ ] **Set up flea, paralysis tick and heartworm protection**

  Date: _____

  Use species-, age- and weight-appropriate products; record each product's repeat date.

10–12 weeks — keep the course moving

- [ ] **Intestinal worming at 10 weeks**

  Date: _____

  Check the current weight before dosing.

- [ ] **Next C3 vaccination**

  Date: _____

  Aim for 2–4 weeks after the previous core dose. A 6-week start may need another visit.

- [ ] **Intestinal worming at 12 weeks**

  Date: _____

  Then continue monthly until 6 months.

- [ ] **Discuss kennel cough vaccination**

  Date: _____

  Especially if boarding, daycare or frequent close contact with dogs is likely.

- [ ] **Arrange a safe, reward-based puppy class**

  Date: _____

  Choose one that accepts age-appropriate vaccination and cleans its premises.

16 weeks and after — complete the early course

- [ ] **Final dose of the initial C3 series at 16 weeks or later**

  Date: _____

  The age of this dose matters because maternal antibodies may have blocked earlier doses.

- [ ] **Monthly intestinal worming: first reminder**

  Date: _____

  Follow the product's monthly schedule; do not stretch the interval.

- [ ] **Discuss desexing timing for your dog**

  Date: _____

  Timing depends on breed, size, health and circumstances.

5–6 months — continue worming

- [ ] **Monthly intestinal worming reminder**
  Date: _____
  Continue the product schedule through 6 months.

- [ ] **Monthly intestinal worming reminder**
  Date: _____
  Review the adult worming plan after 6 months.

12 months after the final early vaccine — first booster and check

- [ ] **Book the first C3 booster and health check**
  Due 12 months after the final early vaccine
  After this booster, C3 may be three-yearly with a suitable product; keep yearly health checks and review kennel cough risk.

Keep protection continuous. Flea, paralysis tick and heartworm products have different starting ages, weight limits and repeat intervals. Set the actual reminder from the label and your vet's advice. A combined product may not cover every parasite.

Based on the WSAVA 2024 vaccination guidelines, AVA vaccination policy and AVA socialisation policy. Intestinal worming reminders reflect the Animal Welfare League Queensland early-life schedule. Last reviewed 25 November 2026.