

A Day In The Life of a Puppy

Setting schedules and developing a routine is important for your new puppy and for you. You can't anticipate everything, but here are some of the most important moments to get you and your pup in sync.



Featuring the Pembroke Welsh Corgi

Time to go out!

EARLY MORNING

Take the puppy out to relieve himself. If you have a little time, it's also a good time to play and interact with him.

BREAKFAST TIME

Wash his water bowl and give him clean water when you feed him.

Yum! Food!

Let's take a quick walk so I can go again!

AFTER BREAKFAST

Although everyone is busy in the morning getting ready for work or school, a quick walk after breakfast gives him a chance to do his business one more time.

MID-MORNING

The rest of the morning might be devoted to nap time. If you're home during the day, your puppy may want to hang out with you while you're working or doing your morning chores. He'll also need to go out at least one more time before lunch. If everyone leaves the house for the day, consider having a pet sitter to come in and walk him.

You're staying home?! I'll hang out while you work or do chores!

NOON

Lunchtime! Naturally, a trip outside should follow a meal.

All full, lets play!

MID-AFTERNOON

It's probably nap time again. And time to go out -- again.

Whew! I'm beat!

I love to eat while you do!

DINNER

If you arrange his mealtimes around yours, it will become natural to feed him either while you're preparing dinner or while the household is eating.

EVENING

Potty break, of course. The early evening is a good time for play and lots of interaction. You also want to let him burn off some puppy energy before bedtime. If you have time, an evening stroll gives him exercise and a chance to take a potty break. But schedule at least a few minutes outdoors before bed.

Potty break, please!

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BEDTIME

A set bedtime makes his adjustment and house training easier for everyone, whether it's 8 p.m. or midnight, it doesn't matter, as long as it becomes a routine. Take him to his crate and help him settle down for the night.