

## WHEN A PUPPY BECOMES A DOG

		6 MONTHS	8 MON	THS 10 M	ONTHS	12 MONTHS	15 MO	NTHS 18-24	MONTHS
				PHASE 2					
1	Toy dogs	6 to 8-10 months	)						
<b>**</b>	Small dogs		6.5	5 to 10 month	s	End of	growth phase,	transition to adult diet	
1	Medium dogs			7 to 12 n	nonths				
1	Large dogs				8 to 1	5 months			
<b>7</b>	Giant dogs					9 to 18	-24 months		

PHASE 1

## GROWTH PHASE 1 CORRESPONDS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUPPY'S BONE STRUCTURE AND INTERNAL ORGANS:

- Energy and nutrient requirements are high.
- The digestive system is still developing: to minimize the risk of digestive upset, the puppy should be fed a consistent diet, with the feeding amount divided into 3 meals per day.

## GROWTH PHASE 2 BEGINS WHEN THE PUPPY WEIGHS 80% OF HIS OR HER TOTAL ADULT WEIGHT:

- Muscles develop and nutrient requirements remain high.
- Energy requirements start to decline towards adult levels.
- The digestive system is more mature: the puppy can be fed in 2 meals per day.
- At the end of phase 2 is when the puppy, now an adult, can be transitioned to adult food.