

	8-12 Weeks	12-16 Weeks	4-6 Months	6-12 Months	12-18 Months	18 Months to 2 years
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Chasing	Roll balls and drag toys on the ground in gentle circles	Roll balls and drag toys on the ground in gentle circles	Roll balls and drag toys on the ground in gentle circles	Roll balls and drag toys on the ground in gentle circles	Roll balls and drag toys on the ground in gentle circles	Gauge your play style by your dog's common sense. If you throw a ball and your dog tumbles head over heels to get it, don't throw the ball, roll or lob it
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Free Play With Other Dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10-15 minutes for formal "play dates," Puppy can have free access to other puppies and adults in the household (so long as the puppy is not harassing the adults.) Keep bags of small dog treats on hand and throw handfuls of food down to interrupt rough or overly fast play You may have to enforce rest periods by putting puppy away for naps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10-15 minutes for formal "play dates," Puppy can have free access to other puppies and adults in the household (so long as the puppy is not harassing the adults.) Keep bags of small dog treats on hand and throw handfuls of food down to interrupt rough or overly fast play You may have to enforce rest periods by putting puppy away for naps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 20 minutes for formal "play dates," Puppy can have free access to other puppies and adults in the household (so long as the puppy is not harassing the adults.) Keep bags of small dog treats on hand and throw handfuls of food down to interrupt rough or overly fast play You may have to enforce rest periods by putting puppy away for naps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your puppy's increased body mass can make him more liable to injury if he engages in body-slammimg play or a lot of fast sprints and turns. Keep bags of small dog treats on hand and throw handfuls of food down to interrupt rough or overly fast play Up to 20 minutes for formal "play dates," Puppy can have free access to other puppies and adults in the household (so long as the puppy is not harassing the adults.) You may have to enforce rest periods by putting puppy away for naps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your puppy's increased body mass can make him more liable to injury if he engages in body-slammimg play or a lot of fast sprints and turns. Keep bags of small dog treats on hand and throw handfuls of food down to interrupt rough or overly fast play Up to 20 minutes for formal "play dates," Puppy can have free access to other puppies and adults in the household (so long as the puppy is not harassing the adults.) You may have to enforce rest periods by putting puppy away for naps 	Always be vigilant when your dogs are playing and intervene by throwing handfuls of food down if there's a lot of body slammimg or the play just gets to crazy.