

NIVOS PUPPY TRACKER_{VOL.2}

User Manual



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USER INSTRUCTIONS

“The NivosPuppyTracker© is a comprehensive and visual template designed for breeders to monitor and analyze the early growth stages of their newborn Australian Shepherd puppies, during their critical first two weeks. Its purpose is to provide a systematic approach for recording and evaluating growth patterns, with an emphasis on individual care and early detection of potential health issues. Remember to consult with a licensed veterinarian when in doubt about a puppy's state of health.”

How to fill out the document

There are several boxes that must be filled out when using the document.

General information

The first field is for general information about the litter, which is used to identify the litter the document pertains to, as shown below:

DOB:	03.07.2022
Kennel:	Kennel Nivos
Breeder:	Pernille Jakobsen
Sire:	Nivos Don't Step On My Feet
Dam:	Nivos The Value Of Serenity

Puppy names

Assign each puppy a name to help tell them apart, in the first box of each of the colored boxes. If a puppy has not yet been assigned a name, **provide characteristics below the naming field.**

Puppy1

Write characteristics here.

Daily Weight Gain

To monitor the puppies' weight, you need to record their daily weight gain every **24 hours** for the first 14 days of their lives. Do this by **filling out the colored boxes at a specific time each day.**

No.	Name	Day 0	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
1	Puppy1	386g	415g	446g	480g

If you forget to fill out any of the days, write **#N/A** in the field for the missing day.

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HEALTH ALERTS

“The template implements a red color to signal deviations in growth relative to the breed-specific average and the puppy's initial growth. These features act as an early warning, to identify puppies that may require additional care.”

Min. Weight Alerts

Minimum Weight Alerts can occur between **day 0 and 9** if the puppy **weighs less than the daily breed-specific average weight minimum**.

The alerts are indicated by displaying the weight in red.

325g	340g	380g
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Reaction

The Minimum Weight Alert helps you identify a puppy that might need extra observation. However, it's important to **be aware** that puppies vary in their growth rates, so a singular puppy can be under the minimum weight without it being a concern, if they exceed the minimum daily **Gain (%)**.

Aim Alerts

Aim Alerts can occur between **day 10 and 14** if the puppy's weight by day 10 is **less than double the individual birth weight**.

The alerts are indicated by displaying the weight in red.

aim: 500g
450g 490g

Reaction

A puppy should have doubled its weight by day 10. If this isn't the case, an intervention should be undertaken to ensure that the weight doubles as fast as possible.

Gain (%) Alerts

Gain (%) Alerts are the most crucial feature of the document. Between **day 0 and 9** they occur when the daily gain is **below 7,5%**. From **day 10 and 14** they occur when the daily gain is **below 5%**.

These alerts are indicated by displaying the Gain (%) in red with an additional reddish background to enhance visibility and importance thereof.

9%	5%
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Reaction

When Gain (%) Alerts occur, refer to the **Daily Gain (%) Chart** to identify the zone in which the Alert is located and determine the appropriate course of action.

If all puppies are above average, then focus your attention on the puppy with the lowest percentage.



NIVOS PUPPY CHARTS

“The Nivos Puppy Charts offer a visual overview of the data, allowing you to observe and compare growth patterns not easily detected in the raw data. Comparing each puppy to one another and to an average, makes it easier for you to identify any underperforming puppies.”

Daily Gain (%) Chart

Analyzing individual growth in puppies requires considering their varying body weights. Each puppy may begin at a different point in their development, which is crucial to acknowledge when assessing their progress. The Daily Gain (%) Chart is particularly valuable in this regard as it adjusts for these differences, making it **the most equitable tool for comparing puppies** regardless of their body size.

Additionally, the chart provides a set of actions to guide you on **how to respond to puppies that have triggered the Gain (%) Alerts**. This feature enhances the utility of the chart by offering actionable steps based on the observed growth patterns, ensuring appropriate intervention when necessary to support optimal development in each puppy.

Peak Zone	Monitoring Zone	Alert Zone	Critical Zone
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Weight Chart

For tracking the progression of the individual puppies over time, while comparing the growth against littermates and the breed-specific average, providing insights into their relative development.

Daily Gain (g/oz) Chart

While the Daily Gain (%) Chart provides a comprehensive assessment of overall body weight, the Daily Gain (g/oz) Chart offers additional analysis focused specifically on the rate and consistency of weight gain. It serves as a valuable **supplement to the Daily Gain (%) Chart**, although it may not offer the same level of depth in evaluating growth dynamics.

Individual Gain (%) Chart

The Individual Gain (%) charts provide you with the same insights as the Daily Gain (%) Chart. However, they enable you to more easily analyse and compare **each puppy's individual growth trends to the breed-specific average** without interruptions, giving you insight into each puppy's growth patterns over time.



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Please note that the breed-specific data included in the template is experience-based. We therefore encourage you to send back a copy of your filled out document to **kennelnivos@gmail.com**, as this will contribute to refining our collective knowledge, ultimately benefiting future users.

We would also welcome any other inputs to further improve the template.

Thank you for your contribution.