

Ear Care

A puppy will continue to go through quick growth spurts mostly in the first 18 weeks of life having the ears come up and then fall. The strength of the ears is based on calcium intake and calcium needs that help build the cartilage in the ears. The time that the ears start to stand up is also the same time that the puppy is being weaned from its mother, sometimes a bit earlier. Calcium is needed for both the growing bones, joints, muscles, and the growing ears. During the time of weaning, the calcium intake drops, as the puppy is no longer getting the added vitamins from mother's milk. To help assist during this adjustment time we give the puppy some milk and/or cheese every day for 1-2 weeks and/or choose a specific supplement along with other great vitamins, such as NuVet Wafers, Puppy Gold (be sure to follow the instructions and add water while stirring a bit.) Missing Link, Liperderm, and/or Flavorless Geletin. It's very important to feed a quality dog food that contains a good nutritional balance while they are being weaned and adjusted to food without mother. It's also very important as a breeder to be sure they are on a good and adequate de-worming schedule and that the new owner is also educated to continue this schedule with their veterinarian to promote a great immune system and assist with ear growth and overall wellness!

The beginning start of life is very important for their over-well being, and for the benefits of the ears. Massaging the ears lightly will help with circulation - be careful not to "break the ear". Also ensuring your puppy isn't bouncing or playing too hard with other Corgis or even bigger dogs will help protect that cartilage as it grows. Minimizing activities with other pets help, as the rowdy play can sometime knock down the ears and cause them not to come up.