

Maryland 4-H Animal Science Program Guidebook

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4-H Dog Bowl Resource Sheet

Normal physiological data as found in Appendix A of the
Dog Owner's Home Veterinary Handbook, 3rd Ed. by Griffin and Carlson

Normal Temperature

Adult Dog: 100 to 102.5 F, Average 101.3 F
Newborn Puppy: 94 to 97 F at birth

Normal Heart Rate

Adult Dog: 60 to 160 beats per minute
Toy Breeds: Up to 180 beats per minute
Newborn Puppy: 160 to 200 beats per minute at birth

Normal Respiratory Rate

Adult Dog: 10 to 30 breaths per minute; Average 24 breaths per minute at rest
Newborn Puppy: 15 to 35 breaths per minute up to two weeks of age

Gestation

Normal Range is 56 to 66 days; Average is 63 days from ovulation