



# Your Roadmap to Understanding Pet Development with Growth Charts

In collaboration with the Waltham Petcare Science Institute and a team of experts including veterinarians, statisticians, and nutrition scientists, the puppy and kitten growth chart is meticulously crafted using measurements from healthy young dogs and common European shorthair cats.

By recording a series of weight measurements on the appropriate growth chart, you can track your puppy's or kitten's growth over time and establish if he/she is developing normally, too quickly or too slowly.

Easy-to-use clinical tools designed to allow you:



## How should I use the growth chart?

You need to plot on the chart the age of the pet with the weight that you have just measured.

**It is recommended to have at least 3 different weight measurements to confirm the percentiles in which your pet should evolve.**



## How often should the weighing and follow-up occur?

**It's recommended to measure and record growth at regular intervals.**

- Every 2 to 4 weeks up to six months of age
- Every three months after six months of age



## How to interpret and understand the percentiles lines?

There are nine percentile lines in total, representing the 0.4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, 91<sup>st</sup>, 98<sup>th</sup>, 99.6<sup>th</sup> percentile. There is no ideal percentile; if a puppy is tracking the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile, this means that 75% of puppies in this segment of population will weigh less and 25% will weigh more.

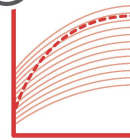


Healthy Weight

A normal growth is when your kitten or puppy is consistently tracking a single percentile line or the space between two lines



Underweight



Overweight

Changes in the rate of growth resulting in a shift of two or more percentiles in the same direction or a static growth pattern may indicate a growth disturbance



# 了解幼貓幼犬成長圖表指南

幼貓幼犬成長圖表經沃爾瑟姆寵物護理科學研究所及一班由獸醫、統計學家和營養科學家組成的專家團隊攜手合作而成。並使用了健康的幼犬和常見的歐洲短毛貓作分析數據。

通過在適當的成長圖上記錄一系列體重測量，我們可以追蹤幼貓幼犬的生長情況，並判斷牠們是否正常發育、成長過快或過慢。

易於使用的成長圖可以讓您：



## 應如何使用成長圖表？

您需要在圖表上標記幼貓幼犬在不同年齡期間的體重。

建議至少進行3次不同的體重測量，以確認幼貓幼犬應處於哪個百分數範圍內發展。



## 需要多久進行一次體重測量？

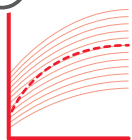
建議定期測量及紀錄幼貓幼犬的體重以評估其成長情況。

幼貓幼犬應每隔2至4週測量體重，直至六個月大。其後，至少每隔三個月測量體重一次。



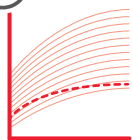
## 如何理解百分數線？

成長圖總共有九條百分數線，分別代表了第0.4、第2、第9、第25、第50、第75、第91、第98和第99.6百分數。請緊記並沒有理想的百分數線。如果一隻幼犬的體重處於第75個百分數，這意味著在這個群組中，有75%的幼犬體重較輕，而有25%的幼犬體重較重。

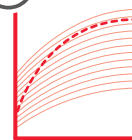


健康體重

只要您的幼貓幼犬生長速率沿著同一條生長線(或兩條線之間)，牠就是正常發育中。



體重過輕



體重超重

若生長速率超出兩個百分數或生長線停滯(在達到成年體重之前)可能表示健康出現問題。

- 生長速率過快，向上跨越多個百分線：可能代表幼貓幼犬有超重或肥胖的風險。
- 生長緩慢，向下跨越多個百分線：可能是生長不良的徵兆。