



## WHEN WILL MY PUPPY'S EARS STAND UP

**S**ome puppies ears are erect as early as eight to ten weeks but generally the pup's ears are up by 4 months of age.

**I**f this is not the case with your puppy, become very interested in your German Shepherd Dog's ears.

**I**mportantly make sure your German Shepherd Puppy is in good health and is kept on a regular schedule of worming and vaccination also that he is fed a good quality diet. If you are unsure, check with your German Shepherd Dog breeder for suggestions.

**I**t is not unusual for the German Shepherd Dog puppy ears not to be up until four to five months of age. It is also quite common & completely normal for a puppy to have erratic ear carriage - up one day and down the next - especially when going through the teething process and for this cycle to repeat as the puppy's ears become erect.

**T**he teething process generally takes valuable calcium from the puppy's developing ear structure to those developing teeth and that is one good explanation for the whole procedure of German Shepherd Dog puppy ears being up one day, and then down the next as the puppy matures.

**T**ry stimulating your puppy to use his ear muscles so that the ears may become erect faster naturally. This can be done by making interesting noises, etc. to get his attention and make him use his maturing ears. Also give brisket bones to exercise the jaw muscles. Do not try and stimulate the muscles through touching as this may damage the cartilage in your pup's ears, which can affect the ear carriage.

**I**t is not time to panic. However, some puppies do need a little assistance in getting their ears to stand up. We recommend the puppy owner contact either their Breeder or their Veterinarian and perhaps they will recommend the taping of your puppy's ears.