

A Sled Dog Pup's First Year (a synopsis)

May 1 - pups are born

at 3 weeks - eyes open

at 4 weeks - begin to eat solid food

at 6 weeks - weaned, moved to own pen, begin walks with musher

at 5 months - introduced to harness

after 5 months to 1 year - new training techniques such as pulling a very light weight (such as an empty plastic tub), harnessed with experienced dogs, harnessed behind a slow-moving ATV, pups start traveling with a loaded sled