## When can my dog start reproducing?

The timing of sexual maturity is largely size and breed dependent. Sexual maturity in puppies typically begins to occur between 6-to-9 months of age, although certain giant breeds may not reach sexual maturity until they are older.

On average, a female dog can have two litters per year. However, this number varies depending on breed, age, and physical condition. Small breeds tend to have smaller litters than larger breeds, and younger dogs tend to have more litters than older dogs.

Generally, a female dog starts going into heat when she is between six and 12 months old, and she will typically have two heats per year.