



THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HAS ISSUED A
• PUPPY TORNADO WARNING •
EFFECTIVE FROM PUPPY'S ARRIVAL
UNTIL THE PUPPY REACHES APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS OF AGE.
EXPECT INTERMITTENT CHAOS AND BEDLAM.
CONFIDENCE LEVEL: 10.
• INDICATORS THAT A PUPPY TORNADO IS FAST APPROACHING
SO YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY RETREAT TO AN INTERIOR ROOM
OF THE HOUSE AND FIRMLY CLOSE THE DOOR INCLUDE:

Just So.

Weather Report: Puppy Tornado

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- Small puddles throughout the house, but mainly on your best carpets.
- Tiny, but painful bite marks and slashes all over your hands and arms.
- Shredded paper, typically newspaper, but may also include recently paid bills ready to be mailed.
- Destroyed delivery boxes in pieces throughout the house. Used packing tape dangling around a puppy's muzzle.
- Toilet paper streamed from the bathroom into adjacent rooms. Hunks missing from roll.
- Occasional bite marks on table legs.
- A puppy on top of the kitchen table.
- A puppy play-bowing and barking in a very high-pitched voice at your older dog trying to entice the older dog to play.
- A puppy slurping out of your water glass, leaving water all over the end table. Same for your coffee.
- A puppy chewing your sweater's buttons while you are wearing the sweater.
- A puppy chewing your shoelaces while you are wearing your shoes.
- Missing socks discovered to be hanging out of a puppy's mouth.
- A puppy racing through the house with a leather glove stolen from your coat pockets.
- A puppy jumping up on your back, while your back is turned.

- A puppy racing through your legs, from behind, while your back is turned.
- Flower stalks missing flowers in your back garden.
- Large holes in recently applied mulch in your back garden.
- A puppy racing around your back yard while chomping on a large rock.
- A pile of rocks collected by a puppy in your yard.
- Small paw prints on the kitchen counter.
- Used Earl Grey tea bags missing from the kitchen counter later discovered hanging out of puppy's mouth.
- A wet puppy nose in your dinner plate full of food resulting in some food missing.
- Much wild barking, especially when puppy observes squirrels or birds from your front bay window. Sometimes followed by squeaking and even cheek-puffing, mouth-snapping, and, in extreme cases, drooling.
- A wet nose thrust in your private area, a puppy's extra special greeting.
- Various and assorted toys with multiple amputations after visiting the toy sewing hospital.



- Stuffing from said various and assorted toys scattered throughout the house.
- Partially gnawed bones, real and artificial, all over the place creating an agility course – but for people.
- Puppy zoomies, multiple times during the day, but always right before bedtime.
- Just so.

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