



Hi Shih Tzu Lover, we have prepared this weight and growth chart to help you out when it comes to your Shih Tzu's growth. This chart will help you determine how big the puppy can get. However, it is just an estimate.

Many factors will influence their weight during their growth period.

Some of these factors are:

- ▶ The puppy's activity level?
- ▶ How much exercise the puppy gets
- ▶ How much food the puppy consumes
- ▶ The dog food's calorie density
- ▶ The puppy's entire well-being
- ▶ The parents' stature

The parents' genetic makeup is the most important factor—two average-weight parents will not produce tiny Shih Tzus.

The smallest puppy in the litter may catch up with its littermates or even outgrow them as sometimes their small size is due to their position in the womb. They may otherwise carry genes for normal to heavyweight.

AGE OF THE PUPPY	ESTIMATED WEIGHT OF THE PUPPY (IN POUNDS)
Birth	Less than 1 pound
1 month	1.25 Approximately 10% of adult weight
2 months	2 – 2.5 Approximately 20% of adult weight
3 months	4 Approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of adult weight
4 months	6 Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of adult weight
5 months	8 Approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ of adult weight
6 months	10 Approximately 83% of adult weight
7 months	12 Approximately 96% of adult weight
8 months	12.5 Approximately 100% of adult weight
9 months	12.5
10 months	12.5
11 months	12.5
1 year	12.5



WEIGHT OF PUPPY AT 8 WEEKS OF AGE ( IN LBS)	ESTIMATE WEIGHT AT ADULTHOOD (IN LBS)
1.25	5.5 – 7.0 (very small Shih Tzu)
1.5	6.0 – 7.5
1.75	7.0 – 8.0
2	8.0 – 9.5
2.25	9.0 – 10.5

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