

TinyBear Pomeranians

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A Canine Temperature

A canine temperature can vary. Here's the guideline for a normal dog temperature and how to take it yourself. A good idea is to take your dog's temperature a few times when he is well. The reason for this is because although a "normal" human temperature is supposed to be 98.6 degrees F, it is not true for everyone. Someone may have a temperature of 97.8 and be perfectly healthy. That means if their temperature is 99 or 100, they probably have a minor illness but if they get a fever of 102, they are really sick.

In contrast, a normal canine temperature is 101 F. So a range of 100.5 to 102.5 is normal.

How to Take a Dogs Temperature

Use a digital thermometer. You can buy one at any drug store. Keep it with your dog supplies.

Normally you put a little petroleum jelly or olive oil on the dog thermometer so it glides right into the anus. You can have the dog lying down or standing up, whichever is most comfortable. You should get a reading between 100 and 103 F.

Take the temperature and record it so you know what is 'normal' for him.

Note: Keep an eye on that thermometer to make sure it doesn't fall out, or get drawn inside.

A Fever in Dogs Can Be Mistaken

A Normal Dog Temperature Can vary as much as 2 degrees at these times:

- after exercise
- after eating
- after barking

And a dog temperature can be lower:

- for a puppy
- for a senior dog

Once you know the normal temperature for your dog, you can tell more easily when he is sick and it helps if a phone consultation is needed with your vet's office.