



# Midwoofery

## Puppy APGAR Scoring Form

Litter Date of Birth		Puppy ID	
Puppy Sex		Puppy Color and Markings	
Puppy Weight			
Cleft palate?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, note severity		
Any abnormalities?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, describe		

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>0 points</i>	<i>1 point</i>	<i>2 points</i>
<i>A—Appearance of mucus membranes</i>	Blue or grey (low oxygen)	Pale	Pink
<i>P—Pulse and heart rate</i>	None or less than 110 beats per minute	110-219 beats per minute	220 or more beats per minute
<i>G—Grimace and reflex irritability</i>	None	Some movement	Crying
<i>A—Activity and tone</i>	Flaccid and floppy	Some tone in legs	Actively moving
<i>R—Respiration</i>	None	Irregular and less than 15 per minute	Rhythmic & 15 or more breaths per min

### Scoring

7-10 = no distress • 4-6 = moderate distress • 0-3 = severe distress

Indicator	5 minutes	30 minutes	2 hours
<b>A</b> Appearance of mucus membranes			
<b>P</b> Pulse and heart rate			
<b>G</b> Grimace and reflex irritability			
<b>A</b> Activity and tone			
<b>R</b> Respiration			
Total score:			

Once the puppy is stable per their APGAR scoring, you'll also want to be sure they are eating well. So also be sure to observe whether they are rooting (searching for a teat) and suckling robustly.