

 <p>Day 1</p>	<p>The ears and eyes are closed. If the pups are nursing, milk can easily be seen in the stomach and is referred to as a milk spot.</p>
 <p>Day 2</p>	<p>The pups are less red, more pink. Milk can still be seen in the stomach.</p>
 <p>Day 3</p>	<p>The ear flaps begin to open. If the pups are black or agouti, the skin pigment begins to develop.</p>
 <p>Day 4</p>	<p>The ears are erect, and milk is no longer visible in the stomach.</p>
 <p>Day 5</p>	<p>The pups begin to develop light, fuzzy dorsal fur.</p>

 <p>Day 6</p>	<p>The fur is thicker across the shoulders, and the coat color may be evident.</p>
 <p>Day 7</p>	<p>The back of the pups is now completely covered in fur.</p>
 <p>Day 8</p>	<p>The belly begins to show fur.</p>
 <p>Day 9</p>	<p>The fur is now thicker. Females may show nipples (there are five pairs of mammaries).</p>
 <p>Day 10</p>	<p>The fur growth is complete. The pups are more active.</p>



Day 11

The teeth are beginning to erupt, and the eyes start to open



Day 12

At days 12-14, the eyes are open, and the pups begin to nibble solid food. By 3 weeks of age, the pups become very active (popcorn stage).



Day 21

Pups are weaned at 21 days.



Day 28

Adult

Compare the size and shape of the head of a 28-day old (L) vs an adult mouse (R).

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Stage	Age
Sexual maturity	40-60 days
Estrous cycle	4 - 5 days
Gestation	21 days
Weaning age	21-30 days
Reproductive life	±8 months
Life span	1 - 3 years
Pups begin eating dry food	12 -14 days

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