Your pup has mild base narrow canines. In this condition the lower canine teeth are angled straight upward, instead of tipping outward. Currently the lower canines only have mild contact the upper gums.

Please have your local vet monitor the lower canines at your pup’s regular vaccine appointments. For some pups the position of the lower canines will self-correct as they grow. However, if the canines cause persistent or worsening irritation to the gums above, your vet may recommend removal of the lower baby canine teeth. If extraction of the baby canine teeth is performed, care must be taken to avoid damaging the bud of the emerging adult canine tooth. If your veterinarian recommends this procedure, please call our Support Center (1-800-295-4050) to discuss pre-authorization for the procedure.

It will also be important to monitor the adult lower canine teeth as they grow. If these adult lower canines contact or irritate the gums above, then additional dental care will be needed to help correct this abnormal position. At the 20 week vaccine appointment, please discuss with your vet if there are any concerns with your puppy’s teeth positioning. If so, they may recommend a recheck at 6 months of age to monitor the teeth.