



THINK. PLAY. LAUGH. FIGHT.

Zombie Puppies is an easy-to-learn battle card game with a well-balanced strategy vs. luck gameplay.



2-5 players



10+ years



~ 15 min.

GO ONLINE

Watch a quick how-to-play video
or find the rulebook in other languages.

www.zombiepuppies.com/howto



THE STORY



1982: A research laboratory in Luanda, Angola is experimenting with a virus to fight ebola. Due to an accident (rumors say the professor forgot to change his shoes when he went home at night and the virus got transferred to a snail which was eaten by a mouse, which got caught by a cat that fought the neighbors puppy) the virus mutated and infected the poor puppy that then turned into a zombie puppy. The incubation time seems to be about 3-6 days. This virus, although very serious, seems to only infect puppies. But help is on the way!



The clumsy professor is able to develop a healing serum from the bones of the ancient chicken-dog. Can you collect enough healing bones to help him with the serum and save your puppy or will you fight your way through the zombie apocalypse?



LET THE BATTLE BEGIN

COMPONENTS

5 PUPPY CARDS



Puppy
(front)



Zombie Puppy
(back)



Name your puppy!

1 SPECIAL CARD



Professor
(front)



Healing Serum
(back)

48 INFECTION CARDS (12X A/B/C/D)



A/B/C/D Infection
(front)



Pink
(back)

32 HEALING CARDS (8X A/B/C/D)



A/B/C/D Healing
(front)



Cyan
(back)

30 ACTION CARDS

6x

6x

6x

4x

4x

4x



Actions
(front)

Cyan
(back)

5 REFERENCE CARDS



Quick Start
(front)



Actions
(back)

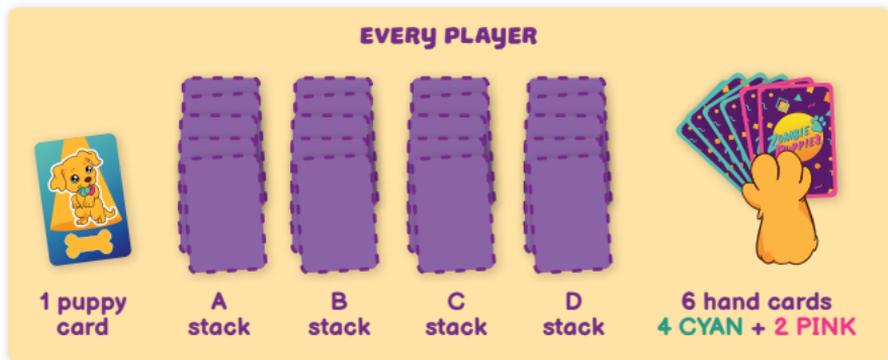
5 PUPPIES 116 CARDS

SETUP

1. Set up 2 draw piles that are shuffled:
PINK: infection cards
CYAN: healing and action cards
2. Place the professor face-up between those piles.
3. Leave some space left and right for the discard piles.



4. Every player chooses 1 puppy and places the puppy face-up in front of them.
5. Every player gets 6 hand cards:
2 cards from the **PINK** pile
4 cards from the **CYAN** pile
6. Every player needs some space to build up 4 stacks. Each stack will have max. 5 cards, and they should be sorted by letters (A, B, C, D).



INTRO



Oh no! Your poor puppy got infected by the zombie virus. Quick, you have to prevent your cute puppy from turning into a braindead zombie puppy. There are only 2 ways to do so: Gain the healing serum or defend your puppy until all the others turn into zombie puppies.



GAMEPLAY

1. HOW TO WIN



WIN BY ATTACK

Turn all other puppies into zombie puppies by giving them **5 INFECTION** cards of the same letter.



5x same infection = zombie puppy



WIN BY RESEARCH

Collect **3 HEALING** cards of the same letter and gain the healing serum. This ends the game for everyone.



3x same healing = healing serum

2. YOUR TURN

1. You can play **1 PINK** card and **1 CYAN** card. You decide which you play first. The **CYAN** card can be a **HEALING** card or an **ACTION** card. You do not have to play a card if you don't want to or if you can't.
2. Refill your hand cards so you have **4 PINK** and **2 CYAN** cards again.

PLAY 2 CARDS



1 PINK + 1 CYAN



1 INFECTION
+ 1 HEALING

OR



1 INFECTION
+ 1 ACTION

HEALING CARDS

HEALING cards are necessary to defend your puppy or gain the healing serum. Place them face-up on your corresponding stack.

If there is no **INFECTION** card you can start collecting **HEALING** cards on that stack. If there is one or more, they neutralize each other.

NEUTRALIZATION OF CARDS

INFECTION and **HEALING** cards of the same letter neutralize each other. You have to discard them immediately.

Neutralization only happens when either a **HEALING** or an **INFECTION** card is played on to one of your corresponding stacks.

INFECTION CARDS

INFECTION cards attack the other players. Place it face-up onto another player's corresponding stack.

NEUTRALIZATION



ACTION CARDS

ACTION cards always help you, coming with a variety of attack or research strategies. Some actions are performed immediately, some can only be used on your next turn and some persist over a whole round.

They are either placed visibly in front of a player until they are not valid anymore (usually after one round) or directly discarded.

RESEARCH ACTIONS



STEAL a healing card from another player's stack.



PROTECT yourself against any attack for 1 round. This includes any infection or action cards against you – after all – this is a non-violent protest!



PLAY a third card of your choice on your next turn. Don't pick up more cards in between.

ATTACK ACTIONS



SEND an infection card from your stack to another player's stack.



SWAP any infection stack of yours with any infection stack from another player. They can be of the same type or different types.



CHOOSE someone to skip 1 round. Yes, if your friends hate you, you can also receive 2 and skip 2 rounds.

3. SPECIAL CARD

Collect **2 HEALING** cards of the same letter to gain the **PROFESSOR** card. With the **PROFESSOR's** help, you can immediately play an additional **INFECTIO** card. His ability stays with you each turn as long as you manage to keep the **PROFESSOR**. When another player also collects 2 same **HEALING** cards, they will gain the **PROFESSOR**. If you lose your 2 same **HEALING** cards, and someone else still has 2 same **HEALING** cards, the **PROFESSOR** goes to that player. If no one has 2 same **HEALING** cards, the **PROFESSOR** goes to the middle of the table again.

SPECIAL CARD



2x HEALING = PROFESSOR

PROFESSOR = 1 CYAN + 2 PINK

4. ZOMBIE MODE

Once you receive the **5th INFECTIO** CARD of the same letter, turn over your puppy, it is now a zombie puppy. Put away all your **CYAN** hand cards and all cards in front of you. You cannot play **HEALING** or **ACTION** cards anymore. You also cannot receive **INFECTIO** cards. But you can still play **1 INFECTIO** card on your turn, so keep the **2 PINK** cards in hand and refill them as usual.

ZOMBIE MODE



turn around your puppy card play **1 INFECTIO** card on your turn

5. GAME DYNAMICS

Playing ZOMBIE PUPPIES is a balancing act between attacking, researching and defending. Depending on the number of players, Zombie Puppies' dynamic changes. The fewer the number of players, the more strategic the game gets.

While the neutralization of infection cards is rather easy at the beginning of the game, this balance changes as the growing infection stacks threaten the puppies.

Like every good dog, most players work in packs and pick on a single player. You might not stand a chance if there is a pack against you. But you will have time for revenge.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Hi, we are Niko and Lana, a rock 'n roll tekkie and a creative cook from Germany. We love puppies, zombie movies, and playing games, so we combined all of it in one barktastic strategic battle card game called Zombie Puppies! Save your puppy from the zombie virus before it dies. (Softie and kids version: before you need to give it to the caretaker.)

Our goal was to create a game that can be played by anyone. This is why we worked hard on balancing luck and strategy, making it language-independent and easy-to-learn.

And a big part of that work was done by our pawsome test players from our community. Improving and co-deciding on what to do next is something we want to keep on doing. So if you would like to join us and let us know your thoughts you can use one of the following channels:

-  @zombie_puppies
-  @zombiepuppies
-  @zombie_puppies
-  @zombie_puppies
-  hello@zombiepuppies.com



THANK YOU!

SOME SAY



A very cool game with a lot of pique and some adorable puppies. I loved it!

tefieltromuxo, artisan and game reviewer
IG: @tefieltromuxo



Zombie Puppies! A strategic battle card game, which is so much fun to play. Excited is an understatement!

The Connose, movies, games & comics blogger
IG: @the_connose



The art style is stunning, very 80's retro, gameplay is tight and really simple to play. I have played a few rounds with my kids and I can attest to it being fun and easy.

IG: @board_gaming_dad



Fast-paced strategic game for young and old. It gets my Seal of approval.

Max (31), German Ludo Champion 2019



Zombie puppies is a party game that kinda reminds me to "Virus!" in a very positive way, I love this kind of party games that are easy to play and explain, but have a good dose of strategy behind.

A well-balanced and fast-paced, fun little game.

IG: @manuatures



It's a game that combines strategy with some luck elements and is easy to play. The girls have picked it up really well and mainly love battling to turn each other's puppies into zombies!

IG: @candygirlsadventures



Wanna flex? Gotta have Zombie Puppies!

Keanu (10), school boy and hyper gamer



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BATTLE CARD GAME**