

# Feeding Your Puppy

## What kind of food should we feed puppies?

There many pet food options for you to feed your puppy. We recommend a complete diet (usually in biscuit or tinned form), designed for puppies. These diets are carefully balanced to give your puppy their exact nutrient requirements.

## What if we want to feed an alternative diet, such as a Raw Food Diet?

Some owners and breeders are advocating alternative diets such as Raw Food Diets for pets of all ages. We do not recommend feeding these alternative diets because many have not been analysed to give your puppy the exact nutritional requirements they need. Not giving your puppy all the nutrition, they need can lead to diseases that will affect their health for the rest of their life.

## How often should we feed puppies?

Puppies should be fed at least 4 times a day until 12 weeks of age. This is because puppies require a steadier stream of food to keep their energy levels high for all that bounding, playing and chewing! After 12 weeks you can reduce feeding to 3 times per day. From 6 months this can be reduced to 2 times daily or just once, whichever suits your lifestyle best.

## How much should we feed puppies?

This will vary greatly depending on the brand of food you chose to feed your puppy. Most brands will usually have a feeding guide on the back of the packet. Some will be based on your puppies expected adult weight. We advise weighing the amount recommended for your puppy to be as accurate as possible. You could also mark a line on a cup corresponding to the amount you need to feed to make feeding time easier.



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