

FEEDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR PUPPY:

Your puppy is currently eating Victor Large Breed Puppy and Dog Food. There are other good foods on the market should you choose to switch to another brand. These brands include:

- Fromm
- Wellness
- Super5Mix Large breed puppy food,
- Orijen Large Breed
- Solid Gold Wolf Cub Puppy Food
- Native 3 Puppy Food
- Chicken Soup for the Dog Lover's Soul Large Breed
- Premium Edge Large Breed Puppy
- 4Health Large Breed Adult
- Blue Buffalo
- Nature's Variety Prairie Large Breed Puppy Food
- Fromm Gold

Look for protein levels between 26-30%, fat levels from 12-15%, calcium levels from 1.0-1.5% and phosphorus

levels from .9-1.2% (as there is great concern among nutritionists regarding calcium and phosphorus levels for

proper bone development of large breed puppies, lower levels are best). If you do not find this information on the dog food bag, you can call the company.

As all dog foods differ somewhat in calories, if you switch to a different brand, it is best to follow recommendations

on the bag on amounts to feed for age of puppy/dog, adjusting as they grow. Be careful not to overfeed even if they

seem to want more; some puppies can act starved and will continue to eat and eat.

Rather than being concerned about whether a given food is labeled "puppy" "adult" "large breed", etc., instead look

at the guaranteed analysis and choose according to that. If you decide to change foods at any point in the future, never switch foods abruptly. Instead, gradually go from one to the next, starting with a 3/4 ration

of the old food and 1/4 ration of the new food for a few days, then 1/2 of each for a few more days, then 1/4 old to

3/4 new for a few days and then finally to a full meal of the new food.

NEVER LET YOUR PUPPY GET FAT:

Although a little "baby fat" is cute and acceptable for the first 10-12 weeks, after that age you will want to make sure

that your puppy has a definite waistline and that you can slide your hands across the ribs and feel them easily. As

Newfies grow, keep them on the leaner side as this will help prevent joint issues and problems later on in life. While many people think

it is great to see a BIG Chunky Bear, it is NOT healthy for them to be overweight, and you will be paying a steep

price for it later. You can actually cause more problems by overfeeding them than underfeeding them.

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Start by feeding your puppy one cup of Victor food three times a day (three cups total per day). You may vary

this to your own schedule and what works for you. If you switch to another brand, follow amounts recommended on the bag. Be sure to increase the amount of food as your puppy grows. I have mixed warm water in with your puppy's food on occasion to entice them. You may also add a teaspoon of high quality canned food as an enticement.

Feed your puppy the recommended amount, and after 20 minutes take away any food that is left, feeding the same amount the next feeding. If you see there is always some left, or that a little more is needed, you may want to vary it a bit. Feed your puppy 3 times a day for the first 4-6 months until he/she is just picking at and not finishing the food; that is a good time to go to 2 meals per day.

Diarrhea in the first few days is completely normal in the stress of transitioning to a new home. If this should occur, cook up some white rice and boil some chicken or brown some ground beef to mix in (rinsing the fat off) and feed for the first few meals, gradually mixing back in the dry kibble. If diarrhea should last longer than a few days, please take a stool sample in to the vet.

It is highly recommended to start your puppy on a liquid or tablet glucosamine to help with proper joint/bone development. Coconut oil (unrefined or virgin) is highly recommended as well (starting at about 6 months, VERY gradually).

WATER:

Always keep a bowl of water available for your puppy during the day for free access at any time. You may take the water away in the evening for house-training/crate-training/potty-training through the night. Your puppy may dive into the water bowl and drink like he/she has never had water before and voraciously drink. Do not be alarmed. Just try to remember that he/she has been competing with littermates in a communal bowl. This will get better with time.

Keep a big towel under the bowl, too; puppies just love to get the water all over the place and play in it!