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## Diet info for puppies

**Diets:** A high quality, highly digestible diet should be fed. Puppy or growth formulas are excellent, easy to feed, no mess, complete balanced diets that promote healthy internal function, firm stools, less flatulence, ideal bone growth, glossy coats and bright eyes! We recommend **Royal Canin** diets. Follow feeding guides.

As a rough feeding guide:

<b>6 - 12 weeks</b>	<b>3 - 4 meals daily</b>
<b>3 - 6 months</b>	<b>2 - 3 meals daily</b>
<b>Adults</b>	<b>1 - 2 meals daily</b>

Puppies are all individuals; each is different and will tell you when it is time to drop a meal. e.g., when they leave most of the evening meal, then you will need to add more to the other meals.

We advise a minimum of 50% of the diet to be a good quality puppy dry food.

Diets can be supplemented with fresh foods i.e.

- Pasta or rice.
- Vegetables (not onions or too much potato).
- Meat - diced and raw best for dental hygiene
- Raw bones - chewing will exercise their jaws and gums, and help loosen temporary teeth and good for dental hygiene.
- Chicken (wings, wingtips or necks), kangaroo tails/spines, beef ribs
- No lamb bones as they may splinter.
- No marrow bones as they may crack the teeth.

Remember, always free access to fresh cool water.

*Beware* – chocolate, onions, macadamia nuts, cooked bones, grapes or raisins.

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