



Nutrition

With all the brands of dog food and sources of information out there, feeding your puppy can be no easy task! Check out the FAQs below to demystify puppy nutrition

Brand? RVS recommends Purina, IAMS, Royal Canin, or Hill's pet foods. These brands spend a significant amount of time and money on researching the efficacy and safety of their foods. As pet food is not as closely regulated as human food, claims made by other brands may not be backed up by science.

Type? It is best to feed your dog puppy food until they are 8-12 months old, depending on breed. It is also best if large breed puppies receive puppy food specifically for large breeds, due to differences in nutritional needs and growth.

What if I don't want to feed my puppy the same food the breeder/rescue was using? That is fine, but puppies that switch foods abruptly may develop diarrhea. To prevent this, transition your puppy to her new food over 2-3 weeks, so her digestive system can adjust.

Amount? This is largely dependent on your puppy's current size and projected weight. The recommended brands provide feeding charts on the back of each bag which show daily food amounts to give. However, sometimes these charts can be confusing, so feel free to bring a bag in to your vet so we can help you feed your pup the right amount!