



Feeding Your Foster Dog

Tailwaggers 911 supplies high quality dog food during your fostering tenure. Quality canine nutrition is vital in ensuring healthy development of our dogs. Our food brands may vary depending on our current vendors; however, Tailwaggers 911 will only provide a dog food rated within the A category of your dog food grading sheet.

Below you will find daily feeding recommendations, but we caution that *you must monitor your rescue dog*. Those dogs coming directly off of the transport van, highly active dogs, or underweight dogs require much different feeding guidelines than a seasoned foster dog in your home.

The majority of Tailwaggers 911's rescues are coming from a shelter situation. These dogs are being fed whatever is available at the shelter. This is NOT high quality food and they are likely only being fed daily. The first four-to-five days off of transport, you should always let your foster dog eat whatever they want, whenever they want. Do not restrict or start a feeding regimen. Most dogs will start to self-regulate their eating habits after this time period. After this time, they can be put on a feeding schedule. This is where you will have to take a good look at your foster dog – are they still too thin? Are they a super active dog? These dogs will need to eat more than what is recommended so please make adjustments as necessary.

If you have any questions regarding how much to feed your foster dog, you can contact Dawn at rescuedogs@tailwaggers911.com or Janet at fostercoordinator@tailwaggers911.com.

Puppy Feeding Instructions

Weight	6-11 Weeks Old Daily Feeding (Cups)	3-4 Months Old Daily Feeding (Cups)	5-7 Months Old Daily Feeding (Cups)	8-12 Months Old Daily Feeding (Cups)
2 lbs	2/3	5/8	5/8	–
5 lbs	1	1	3/4	5/8
10 lbs	1 1/2	1 3/8	1 1/8	1
15 lbs	2 1/8	1 7/8	1 1/2	1 1/4
20 lbs	2 2/3	2 3/8	1 7/8	1 1/2
25 lbs	–	2 7/8	2 3/8	1 7/8
30 lbs	–	3 1/3	2 2/3	2 1/8

Adult Feeding Instructions

Weight	Adult (with exercise) Daily Feeding (Cups)	Adult Light/Senior (less active dogs and older dogs) Daily Feeding (Cups)
1 -10 lbs	¼ - 1	¼ - 1
10 - 25 lbs	1 – 2	¾ - 2
25 - 50 lbs	2 – 3 ½	2 ¼ – 3 ½
50 - 75 lbs	3 ½ - 4 ½	3 ¼ - 4 ½
75 - 100 lbs	5 ¾ – 6 ½	5 ¼ - 6 ¼
100 - 125 lbs	5 ¾ – 7	5 ½ - 6 ¾
125 - 150 lbs	7 – 8	6 ¾ - 7 ¾

Age, breed, weight, activity level and other factors affect the amount of food a dog should eat. The above guidelines serve as a good starting point, but you must pay attention to your dog’s nutritional needs.

*Senior & Overweight dogs may be fed a reduced amount depending on their activity level and weight.

*Puppies nutritional needs will vary from breed-to-breed and they will eat more during growth spurts.

*Pregnant moms may require twice the normal adult recommendations.

*Lactating moms may require twice the normal adult recommendations (but fed 3-4 times per day).