

# Foster Care Feeding Protocols (Dog/Puppy)

## 1) Puppies under 8 weeks

- a. Feed each puppy according to the Puppy Feeding Chart. Dry Food amount is the daily total they should consume. Should be split into at least 3 meals daily.
  - i. May mix with wet food and/or water or puppy milk to help them learn to eat on their own
  - ii. Can feed together unless they are fighting over food, then they should be fed separately

## 2) Puppies 8 weeks – 4 months

- a. Feed each puppy according to the Puppy Feeding Chart. Dry Food amount is the daily total they should consume. Should be split into 2-3 meals daily.
  - i. May supplement with wet food and/or water if they are hesitant about eating at first.
  - ii. Should feed in separate bowls. If they are having issues, feed completely individually

## 3) Nursing Moms

- a. Feed dry puppy food split up into 2-3 meals daily according to the Puppy Feeding Chart.
  - i. May supplement with wet food, or add additional food if mom is losing weight.

## 4) Underweight Adult Dogs

- a. Will usually be listed as Puppy TID for feeding instructions. Feed dry puppy food according to the above weight chart.
- b. May otherwise be “Feed for [ideal weight].” In this case, feed according to the Adult Dog Feeding Chart on the following page for the ideal weight listed.
- c. Food may be split into 2 or more meals per day.

## 5) Overweight Adult Dogs

- a. Will usually be asked to “Feed for [ideal weight].” Feed according to the Adult Dog Feeding Chart on the following page for the ideal weight listed.
- b. Food may be split into 2 or more meals per day.

## 6) Healthy Adult Dogs

- a. Feed for their current weight according to the Adult Dog Feeding Chart.
- b. Food may be split into 2 or more meals per day.

## 7) Special Circumstances

- a. There may be special diets or other specific instructions depending on the animal, these will be detailed on the Foster Animal Information sheet you are given when the animal is picked up.
- b. Food may be split into 2 or more meals per day.

### **Puppy Feeding Chart**

<b>Weight</b>	<b>Daily Dry Food Amount</b>
1-5 #	1 cup
6-10#	1.5 cups
11-20#	2.5 cups
21-29#	3.5 cups
30-39#	4 cups
40-49#	5 cups
50-59#	6 cups
60-69#	7 cups

### **Adult Dog Feeding Chart**

<b>Weight</b>	<b>Daily Dry Food Amount</b>
1-5#	1/2 cup Small Bites
6-19#	1 cup Small Bites
20-39#	1.5 cups
40-59#	2.5 cups
60-79#	3.5 cups
80-99#	4 cups
100+#	5 cups