

FEEDING INSTRUCTIONS



The puppies are on Victor, Active Adult And Puppy. We recommend feeding a half cup each three times a day. When they walk away from the food dish before finishing, simply lift up the dish and save the rest for later (if it is kibble this works, canned and wet food will not keep). Initially, be very careful to feed only one half cup at a feeding, quickly moving to one cup. By the time the puppy is six months old, they should be getting 2 cups, twice a day. So that works out to four cups per day total. That is our standard adult feeding. Large males might be getting slightly more. Smaller females would get slightly less. Overfeeding will cause diarrhea, so if your puppy has loose stools this is one thing to consider. We recommend staying on Puppy Food until your puppy is Fifteen months old. Even when you puppy is a lot older, be sure to not overfeed. A total of four cups a day is usually the maximum amount for most foods.

Another item we have been giving your puppy is NuVet. In our day, so much is processed out of even good foods, that an immune system builder and general supplement can be helpful, especially in getting started. NuVet is a supplement which we have found to be helpful not just for the puppies but even for the older dogs. We highly recommend that you continue with this supplement.



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An adult shepherd generally eats four cups of food a day. Your pup will eat more during the ages from roughly four months to ten months or beyond when their growth accelerates. Watch your puppy's weight; you want him neither thin nor fat. Adult shepherds will eat far more than they need as they are bred to have food drive. Be sure to be the one who determines how much your adult dog will eat in a day.

Water should always be available except when they are sleeping in their crate.

When you get your puppy, that first day of adjustment, his system may be a bit off balance. This is normal. We have developed a very aggressive routine of internal parasite control, however, if he continues to have loose stools the next morning, it may be something developing. Both Coccidia and Giardia are parasites that love to multiply any time a puppy is stressed. Your vet can test for these and give you the proper medication. Be sure to let me know because we are always working to improve our health protocols.

Another medical matter to keep in mind is that there are many puppy diseases that your puppy could be susceptible to prior to his complete vaccination series. Avoid taking your puppy to

places frequented by other dogs. This includes your veterinarian's office—simply hold your puppy at all times other than the examination, and places such as dog parks or PetCo and PetSmart. After his vaccinations are complete, you can take him more places. Socialization is important and you want to take him as many places as possible, but keep in mind his health and use precaution around other dogs you don't know. Your veterinarian will be able to tell you concerns particular to your region of the country.

The next vaccination will be due in one to two weeks. That will be the second in a series of three. Be sure to take the Medical Record we have provided for you with you to your veterinarian.

When your puppy is here, your pup is being conditioned to go potty either on pine shavings or on the grass outside. Some people have found it helpful to put some pine shavings on the area where they want their pup to go potty. Be sure, however, to only use pure Pine Shavings. Never use Cedar Chips with your puppy as they are toxic. Also, avoid any pine shavings that are aromatic, such as the kind used for hamsters and gerbils. This also is toxic to puppies. Use the same good sense in your puppy bed—a puppy or dog bed filled with aromatic cedar shavings may make your puppy sick.

For housebreaking, remember that a puppy does its business soon after eating and also soon upon rising from a nap. Therefore when your puppy is finished eating or has just woken up, take her out to the place where you want her to go. Praise when she is finished.

Proper puppy raising avoids many problems later on. Picture the dog you want your pup to be in one year, and start laying the structure for that now.

We have given this puppy the best start possible with biosensory stimulation, puppy enrichment, clean housing, quality food, and lots of love. Now the rest is up to you.

Call or email with any questions. (208-818-3099, candlehillshpherds@icloud.com)

Have fun!

Elizabeth