

MESSANO GOLDEN RETRIEVERS

PUPPY DIET SHEET

If you wish to feed a completely natural diet we suggest you read Ian Billinghurst's book "Grow Your Pups With Bones". There is also an excellent email group RawPup@yahoo.com

Over the years we have found that puppies owners have found the diet, as described in the book, rather complicated so we have devised our own method of feeding puppies.

The diet for puppies consists of 2 parts;

1. Raw meaty bones (chicken wings for puppies, they are about 4/5 months before they can manage a chicken carcass or lamb bones)
2. Mince mixed with Burn's Mini Bites

The wings

These are obviously self-explanatory. Most supermarkets sell them, or of course see your local friendly butcher! Most puppies at 7 weeks will eat 1, some will eat 2, also depends on how big your chicken wings are. Puppies won't necessarily always eat the same amount, some meals they may be hungrier than others, always be prepared to offer an extra one. Wings should always be fed whole and at room temperature.

Mince/Burns

We buy our mince from Landywoods at www.landywoods.co.uk When puppies leave us they have normally tried the tripe, and the meat and veg. varieties, but there are many more in the range, but these should be introduced gradually. Landywoods will deliver to your home.

Burn's Mini Bites is a good quality complete puppy food, containing no wheat, soya or dairy, and made from non-battery chicken meat. It is available in pet shops or direct from Burns at www.burns-pet-nutrition.co.uk.

Feed equal quantities (mixed together) of defrosted mince, and Burn's Mini Bites soaked in a little hot water.

These two types of meal should be fed alternately, so a 7-week old puppy would have 2 meals of chicken wings, and 2 of mince and Burn's.

Other types of meaty bones can be introduced as you think your puppy can manage them, puppies of 3 months will enjoy chewing on a breast of lamb, but may not be able to manage to eat the bones. Liver can also be introduced in small quantities, once or twice a week.

Puppies once they have left their mother do not need to drink milk. Water should be available at all times.

Your puppy will be on 4 meals a day at 7 weeks, by the time it is 12 weeks old this can be dropped to 3 meals. Remember to increase the size of meals accordingly. At 6 months 2 meals will be required, one of these meals can be dropped if needed. Our adults are fed once a day, but other people feed twice, depends what suits your circumstances.

If you have any questions or worries, contact us!