

# puppy nutrition



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Puppies require adequate nutrients to support rapid growth and development



birth to 3-4 weeks of age

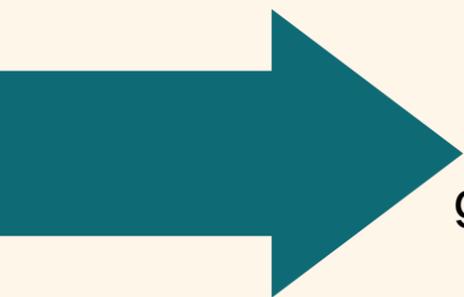
the dams' milk is nutritionally complete to support puppy growth



begin to offer canned or semi-solid food  
mix 1 part dry food to 2 parts warm water to form a gruel



3-4 weeks of age



puppies should be eating canned or semi-solid food  
gradually reduce the amount of water in the gruel to 2 parts dry food to 1 part water



puppies should be weaned to solid food  
offer 3 or more meals per day



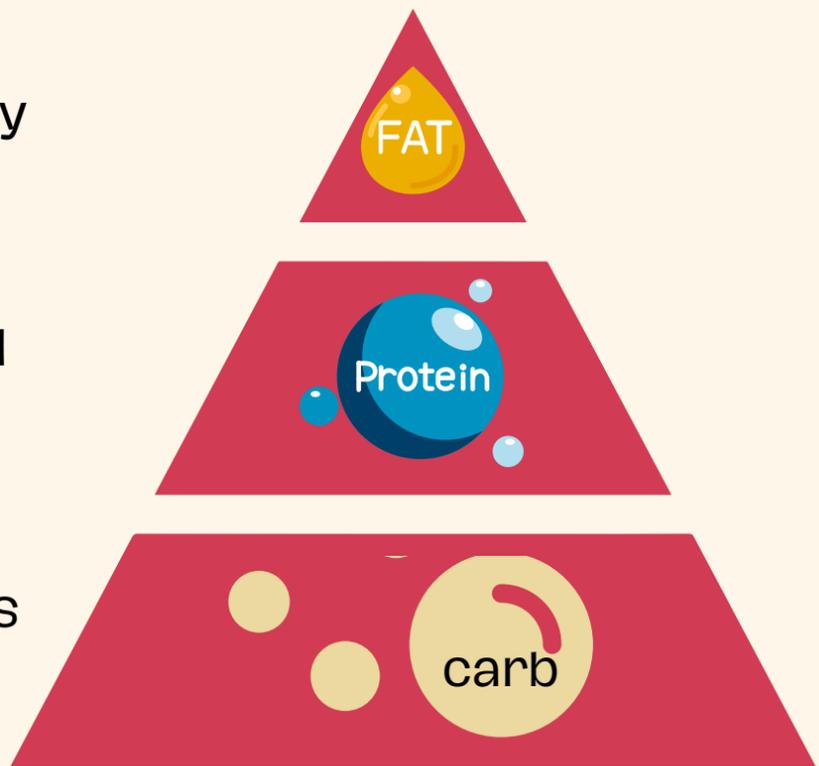
6-8 weeks of age

Puppies nutrient requirements are different than adult dogs. Be sure to feed a diet labeled puppy, growth, or all life stages.

recommended **fat** content is 10-25% on a dry matter (DM) basis

recommended **protein** content is 22-32% on DM basis

recommended **carbohydrate** content is 20% on DM basis



Large breed puppies should be fed a diet formulated to meet their unique nutritional needs as established by AAFCO. These breeds have lower requirements for calcium and phosphorus to develop normally and avoid orthopedic disease. Be sure to feed them a food labeled **large breed puppy** food.

