

Adult Dog Nutrition

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Dogs Need an Appropriate Balance and Amount of Nutrients

A photograph of a dog, possibly a Weimaraner, standing in a field of tall grass at sunset. The dog is facing away from the camera, looking towards the horizon. A white speech bubble with a black outline is positioned in the center of the image, containing the text "Energy!!".

Energy!!

- Fats
- Proteins
- Carbohydrates

And:

- Vitamins
- Minerals

NOTE Different nutrients impact specific systems (example: calcium and protein are important for skeletal growth)

Benefits of Nutritional Balance for Adult Dogs

1

Critical to support overall digestion and metabolism that underpin health



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2

Reduces the risks of diseases (e.g., diabetes, obesity) and supports a healthy immune system

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Supports growth and development

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4

Supports reproductive performance (gestation, lactation, and subsequent pregnancy)

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AAFCO Statement

- Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO)
- Ensure that the selected food has the AAFCO statement on the label
- This indicates that the food meets the minimum recommended nutrition requirements

Appropriate Life Stage and Lifestyle

- Diets are specific to life stage (e.g., adult maintenance, puppy) and lifestyle (e.g., indoor, active)
- Food with other attributes (e.g., for skin and coat, digestive or cognitive health) are also available

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Appropriate Physiologic State

- The current state and condition of the body and bodily functions
- Adult (maintenance), gestating (pregnant), lactating (nursing), and puppy



Appropriate Amount

- Adult maintenance diets can be fed once per day or more often
- Total amount to feed per day should be located on the diet packaging

Appropriate Body Condition

- Feed to body condition score
- Look and feel to assess body condition score



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- [At-a-Glance Nutrition Application](#)
- [At-a-Glance Nutrition During Gestation](#)
- [At-a-Glance Nutrition During Lactation](#)
- [At-a-Glance Puppy Nutrition](#)



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