

Dog Nutrition

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Balanced Nutrition for Dogs

- Overall health
- Digestion and metabolism
- Immune system function
- Growth and development
- Reproductive performance

Learn More: [At-a-Glance Adult Nutrition](#)

Providing a Balanced Diet

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Feed high-quality food approved by the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO)



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2 Feed for appropriate life stage
(e.g., puppy, adult, senior)

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[At-a-Glance Puppy Nutrition](#)

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Tailor diet to individual needs and physiologic state (e.g., age, size, activity level, special needs, reproductive status)

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



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Maintain optimal body condition (Check body condition charts regularly and respond accordingly)

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Track puppy growth

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Provide adequate energy





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Follow safe purchasing, preparation, and storage of commercial pet food



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Utilize food puzzles

What **Not** to Do

- Feed a low-quality diet not formulated to AAFCO standards
- Feed all dogs the same diet and amount regardless of unique needs (e.g., age, size, life stage)
- Feed a gestating or lactating dam her normal amount of nutrients
- Limit water for a lactating dam
- Feed large breed puppy food to a breeding bitch
- Overlook body condition charts
- Fail to track puppy growth
- Change foods quickly without a gradual transition

A black and white dog is lying down on a dark surface, surrounded by several small puppies. The dog's head is on the left, and its body extends towards the right. The puppies are clustered around the dog's front legs and belly. A yellow-bordered rounded rectangle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

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- [Implications of weaning age for dog welfare](#)