

Feeding Guidelines (Puppies 6+ weeks old)

Thank you for fostering! The information provided below will get you and your puppy(s) off to a great start. Please let us know if you ever have any concerns or questions.

AID	Name	Starting Weight

Feeding Instructions:

Dry: 1/2 -1 cup of puppy kibble. Feed 3x a day. All uneaten food should be thrown out at your next feeding.

Wet: 1/4 can of puppy wet food. Feed 2x a day. All uneaten food should be thrown out at your next feeding.

Special feeding information:

- Social eater
- Add 1-2 tbsp. of water to wet food
- Likes wet and dry separated
- Add fortiflora

- Other: _____

Weighing Instructions:

Puppies should be weighed at least once a week. If you do not have a scale and are able to purchase one please do so, this is an essential tool when fostering. If any of the puppies are not gaining weight or are losing weight please call the foster phone, 919-630-9680. Puppies under 5 weeks of age can become critical quickly.

Puppy weight

Puppy weight gain is a little more complicated since the breeds can vary so much in size. In general, puppies should be gaining approximately 10% of their current body weight per day. For example, a 3 pound puppy should gain 0.3lb that day. The next day, pup would weigh 3.3lb and should gain 0.33lb that day. Puppies should also double their weight from birth by 10 days old.

To calculate the appropriate daily weight gain:

Body weight in pounds x 0.1 = weight gain needed per day

Example: 4.5 pound puppy x 0.1 = 0.45lb weight gain needed

To calculate the appropriate total weight change for 24 hours:

Body weight in pounds x 1.1 = estimated appropriate total weight

Example: 2.6 pound pup x 1.1 = 2.86 pound is appropriate total weight

Let us know if you notice any of the following:

- Not eating
- Diarrhea
- Sneezing/ coughing
- Discharge from eyes and nose
- Lethargy
- Limping
- Any other abnormal behavior
- Weight loss