

# How Much to Feed Your Dog

## Determining How Much to Feed a Dog

- Type of food – start by checking the label on the bag/case of food. Keep in mind that these are estimates for a wide weight range.
- Number of meals – Divide the daily recommended amount by number of meals you plan to offer.
  - Most adult dogs should eat two meals a day
  - Puppies often require three or more feedings
- Body weight – In general, dogs who are at a healthy weight:
  - Have an “hourglass” figure when you look down on them from above.
  - The abdomen should be narrower than the chest and hips.
  - Are “tucked up” when you look at them from the side. This means that their chest is closer to the ground than their belly when standing.
  - Have ribs that are not readily visible but are easily felt with only light pressure.

## Take Your Dog’s Lifestyle into Account

For example, a relatively inactive dog who tends to gain weight may need to start with a little less food than the table recommends. A very active dog may need a bit more than the table recommends.

RECOMMENDED DAILY FEEDING			USE A STANDARD 8 OZ. MEASURING CUP		
			Feed approximately 1/3 cup for every 10 pounds over 100 pounds body weight. Puppies may require 2-3 times the adult feeding amounts. For pregnant or nursing dogs, we recommend free-choice feeding. Always provide plenty of fresh water.		
TOY	DOG WEIGHT	CUPS PER DAY	MEDIUM	DOG WEIGHT	CUPS PER DAY
	3 lbs	1/3 cup 139 calories		30 lbs	1 3/4 cups 781 calories
SMALL	6 lbs	1/2 cup 233 calories		40 lbs	2 1/4 cups 969 calories
	10 lbs	3/4 cup 342 calories	LARGE	50 lbs	2 2/3 cups 1145 calories
	15 lbs	1 cup 464 calories		60 lbs	3 cups 1313 calories
	20 lbs	1 1/2 cups 576 calories		70 lbs	3 1/2 cups 1474 calories
				80 lbs	3 3/4 cups 1629 calories
				90 lbs	4 1/4 cups 1779 calories
				100 lbs	4 1/2 cups 1926 calories

**CALORIE CONTENT:**  
3,580 kcal/kg or 430  
kcal/cup ME (calculated)

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