

Recommendations for your puppy

Food

1. **Purina Pro Plan** - I use this consistently in feeding my dogs/pups. My adult dogs eat this brand of dog food. After researching what is a good brand of dog food. Purina Pro has been the top recommended brand. Many veterinarians, breeders and trainers use this brand. I like the availability for purchasing this brand in stores and online. More importantly, it has live probiotics which are good for the digestive tract and the immune system, DHA for brain and vision development and antioxidants for a newly developing immune system.

Golden Retriever and Standard Poodle/doodle breed:

Puppy- <https://www.chewy.com/purina-pro-plan-puppy-shredded-blend/dp/52467>

Adult- <https://www.chewy.com/purina-pro-plan-adult-shredded-blend/dp/158673>

Mini Poodle/small breed-

Puppy- <https://www.chewy.com/purina-pro-plan-puppy-small-breed/dp/52426>

Adult- <https://www.chewy.com/purina-pro-plan-specialized-shredded/dp/298674>

1. **Royal Canine** has food that meets many special needs for the diet of different breeds, ages and stages of the individual dog. They make a special food tailored to Golden retrievers and Poodles and most other specific breeds. As you search for the food that fits your new pup, this is another option, but it does tend to cost slightly higher and isn't readily available on the shelves of most retail stores.

Golden Retriever puppy- <https://www.royalcanin.com/us/dogs/products/retail-products/golden-retrieverpuppy-3979>

Poodle/small breed- <https://www.royalcanin.com/us/dogs/products/retail-products/poodle-puppy3080>

Bottom line- do your own research and you can find what works for you and your pup!

If you change to a new food, switch using a transitional method and mix current food with new over a period of 10 or so days.

Day 1-2: mix 75% old to 25% new

Day 3-4: mix 50/50

Day 5-6: mix 25/75

Day 7 and beyond: new food

How much to feed them??

General Daily Feeding Guide (in Standard 8 oz. Measuring Cups)

Note: This total daily amount should be divided into 3 to 4 meals per day for puppies under 4 months, and 2 meals per day for older puppies.

RECOMMENDED DAILY FEEDING AMOUNTS					
Weight at Maturity (lb)	Amount to Feed (cups)				
	1-1/2 to 3 Months	4 to 5 Months	6 to 8 Months	9 to 11 Months	1 to 2 Years
Up to 50	1/2 to 1-1/4	1-3/4 to 2-1/3	1-1/4 to 2	2-1/4 to 2-1/2	2-1/3 to 3-1/2
Up to 75	2/3 to 2	1-3/4 to 2-1/3	1-1/2 to 2-1/4	2-3/4 to 4	3 to 5-1/4
Up to 100	1 to 2-1/4	2-1/4 to 3-1/4	3-1/3 to 5-1/3	4-1/2 to 5-3/4	6-1/2 to 9-1/4
Up to 130	2-1/4 to 3-1/3	3-1/4 to 4-1/3	5-1/3 to 6-1/2	5-3/4 to 7	9-1/4 to 10-1/3

Using a standard 8 oz/250 ml measuring cup which contains approximately 106 g of Pro Plan.

Puppies start to nibble solid foods at 3 - 4 weeks of age. Keep moistened Pro Plan available at all times. Allow your puppy to eat at will until fully weaned (6 - 8 weeks). After weaning, Pro Plan can be fed moistened or dry. For best results, develop a regular feeding schedule such as three small meals a day for younger puppies. You can gradually reduce to one feeding in the morning and one in the evening as your puppy ages. The routine should not vary. As puppies near adulthood, their calorie needs may drop, and your puppy may begin leaving some food in the bowl. Don't misinterpret this as an indication of dislike for the food. Instead, begin offering less so your puppy doesn't overeat and stays in ideal body condition.

Nestlé Purina Research indicates that avoiding overfeeding of puppies may help their development. Maintaining ideal body condition is key to encouraging proper growth in all puppies, especially large breeds. The indicated amounts are only a guideline. If your puppy becomes overweight, a reduction of your puppy's daily food intake may be appropriate. You may wish to consult your veterinarian about a weight control program.

■ FEEDING FOR REPRODUCTION
Pro Plan provides the extra nutrition needed by reproducing females in stages of gestation and lactation. Food consumption may vary during gestation, so feed the amount needed to maintain the pregnant female's ideal body condition. Food intake may double or even quadruple during lactation.

■ MAKING THE SWITCH TO PRO PLAN
Although you'll be anxious to see the difference Pro Plan can make in your dog, please allow 7 - 10 days to ease the transition from your dog's current food. Each day, simply feed a little less of the previous food and a little more Pro Plan until you're feeding Pro Plan exclusively. This gradual transition will help avoid dietary upsets. Provide adequate fresh water in a clean container daily. For your pet's health, see your veterinarian regularly. Calorie Content (fed)(ME): 3934 kcal/kg, 419 kcal/cup

RATIONS QUOTIDIENNES RECOMMANDÉES					
Poids à maturité (kg)	Ration (tasses)				
	1-1/2 à 3 mois	4 à 5 mois	6 à 8 mois	9 à 11 mois	1 à 2 ans
Jusqu'à 50	1/2 à 1-1/4	1-3/4 à 2-1/3	1-1/4 à 2	2-1/4 à 2-1/2	2-1/3 à 3-1/2
Jusqu'à 75	2/3 à 2	1-3/4 à 2-1/3	1-1/2 à 2-1/4	2-3/4 à 4	3 à 5-1/4
Jusqu'à 100	1 à 2-1/4	2-1/4 à 3-1/4	3-1/3 à 5-1/3	4-1/2 à 5-3/4	6-1/2 à 9-1/4
Jusqu'à 130	2-1/4 à 3-1/3	3-1/4 à 4-1/3	5-1/3 à 6-1/2	5-3/4 à 7	9-1/4 à 10-1/3

Utiliser une tasse à mesurer standard de 250 ml (8 oz), soit l'équivalent d'environ 106 g de nourriture Pro Plan.

Les chiens commencent à grignoter des aliments solides vers l'âge de trois ou quatre semaines. Laissez toujours de la nourriture Pro Plan mélangée à un peu d'eau à la portée du chiot. Laissez-le manger à volonté jusqu'à ce qu'il soit complètement sevré, c'est-à-dire jusqu'à ce qu'il ait de six à huit semaines. Après le sevrage, les chiots peuvent manger de la nourriture Pro Plan sèche ou avec un peu d'eau. Pour des résultats optimaux, établissez un horaire régulier pour les repas, par exemple trois petits repas par jour pour les jeunes chiots. Réduisez graduellement à deux repas par jour, un le matin et un le soir. Ne modifiez pas cette routine. Quand les chiots approchent de l'âge adulte, leurs besoins en calories diminuent et il est donc possible que votre chiot laisse de la nourriture dans son bol. Il ne faut pas penser qu'il n'aime pas la nourriture, mais plutôt lui en donner un peu moins de façon qu'il ne mange pas trop et qu'il maintienne une condition physique idéale.

Les recherches effectuées par Nestlé Purina montrent qu'éviter de suralimenter des chiots peut favoriser leur bon développement. Le maintien d'une condition physique idéale est la clé d'une bonne croissance pour les chiots, surtout les chiots de grandes races. Quantités fournies à titre indicatif seulement. Si votre chiot prend trop de poids, il est préférable de diminuer sa ration quotidienne. Vous pouvez consulter votre vétérinaire pour discuter avec lui d'un programme de contrôle du poids.

■ DIRECTIVES POUR L'ALIMENTATION DES CHIENNES EN GESTATION
La nourriture Pro Plan procure tous les éléments nutritifs essentiels aux femelles en phase de gestation ou de lactation. La consommation de nourriture peut varier pendant la gestation, donnez à votre femelle la quantité nécessaire pour qu'elle garde une condition physique idéale. Pendant la période de lactation, la consommation de nourriture peut doubler, voire quadrupler.

■ PASSAGE À PRO PLAN
Malgré votre impatience de constater la différence que peut apporter Pro Plan chez votre chien, veuillez prévoir une période de transition de sept à dix jours. Chaque jour, donnez un peu moins de l'ancienne nourriture et un peu plus de Pro Plan, pour enfin ne donner que Pro Plan. Cette transition graduelle aidera à éviter les troubles digestifs. Laissez toujours de l'eau fraîche dans un bol propre à la portée de votre animal. Présentez la santé de votre animal en consultant régulièrement le vétérinaire. Valeur calorifique (à la distribution)(EM): 3 934 kcal/kg, 419 kcal/tasse

Important Feeding Tips

- Use a standard 8-oz measuring cup rather than a random kitchen mug to prevent over or underfeeding.
- Adjust for Body Condition: The guidelines are just starting points. If your puppy starts looking chubby, reduce their food; if they look too skinny, increase it slightly.
- Split measured daily quantity between 3 feeding till 6 months of age then you can reduce to 2 feedings a day and around a year old you can go to one feeding a day.

You should find directions on the back of the dog food bag for measuring food appropriate to weight and age. It may vary slightly due to activity level

Water

Always make sure they can have fresh water, but keep in mind you will need to take them out after they drink to use potty. At night it's a good idea to take water bowl away and only offer small amount so they can hold their bladder through the night!

POTTY

They are potty trained starting about 4 weeks old in our home in the kennel using pine pellets and a litter box. Having some pine pellets in your home in a litter box is helpful at the beginning when they are not potty trained. When training them outdoors place the pine pellets out where you desire to teach them to go potty. It is a helpful reminder for them to relieve themselves.

If you catch them relieving themselves inside, clap your hands to catch their attention and bring them outside.

Flea and Ticks- yuck!

Ask your vet for recommendations. I choose to use natural flea and tick preventative methods.

My new favorite is **FURLIFE** pendant. Its waterproof and attaches to their collar. Repels fleas, ticks and mosquitos. It lasts a year and if you buy 2 it's half price.

<https://getfurlife.com/products/12-months-flea-and-tick-pendant-for-dogs>

Here are prescription vet products:

Simparica (oral medication-must be over 4 months in age)

<https://www.chewy.com/simparica-chewable-tablets-dogs-221/dp/173126>

NexGard (can be given orally at 8 weeks old)

<https://www.chewy.com/nexgard-chewables-dogs-101-24-lbs/dp/173248>

Bravecto (given orally every 12 weeks)

<https://www.chewy.com/bravecto-soft-chews-dogs-99-22-lbs/dp/172904>

You will need to get prescription from vet or ask for approval for online ordering. It is given by weight. You'll need to be certain on your puppies current and accurate weight. These are both given orally once a month and it's easy and clean to use. If you don't use this, please find a different solution as lyme disease is very common in dogs without protection. There is a vaccine for lyme disease.

Heart guard

<https://www.chewy.com/heartgard-plus-chewables-dogs-26-50/dp/173232>

Protects your dog from heart worm and hookworm parasites. Ask your vet for more information on this. It's given orally.

Other worms- yuck!

Your puppy has been dewormed and stool will be checked for worms before they leave my home by the vet office.

Ask your vet about worms, they should recommend you deworm them every 3-6 months and when they are older once a year.

We do our best to ensure they are parasite free when they leave our home. It is unfortunately very common to have parasites in puppies (it's estimated 95% of pups have them)

There is the chance that dormant parasites can be "awoken" due to the stress of leaving and entering a new environment. They can also be easily picked up in any indoor and outdoor environment as they are in the grass and ground outside. We test their waste before they leave and if a possible case arise we will send them home with medicine. It's worth a recheck on their fecal when you bring them in for their first visit to be sure they haven't become infected.

Don't worry, it's an easy treatment and much more effective when they aren't among their litter mates!

How Do Dogs and Puppies Get Coccidia?

Dogs can get coccidia by ingesting the oocyst (immature coccidia) from a contaminated environment, such as soil or feces that contains coccidia. Young puppies are more likely to become infected with coccidia when they are exposed to contaminated dog feces due to their underdeveloped immune system.

This is why it is so important for puppies to have multiple fecal exams throughout their puppy visits with their veterinarian.

Stressful situations (traveling or moving to a new home environment), immunosuppression, or additional chronic diseases can make dogs more susceptible to coccidia infection. Ammonia solution is the best cleaning product to use as it eliminates the parasite.

Puppies try often to eat their poop. Quickly clean up so they can't get at it!

Can Humans Get Coccidia?

Coccidia is not a zoonotic disease, which means that humans cannot contract coccidia from a dog.

Kenneling

It is best to crate train for sleep and when you leave the house.

It helps with potty training and gives them a quiet place to feel secure. I recommend using a crate big enough to fit your puppy when he/she is full grown but is adjustable to keep them in half of the crate when they are small. They don't like to urinate and poo where they sleep, if it's a large area they may use half for potty and help for sleep and that will discourage outside potty training!

Golden:

42 inch for a full grown golden retriever is a good fit. You decide what works in your space. You might stop using the crate earlier and won't need that big of one!

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B000QFT1RC/ref=twister_B07DKNPMQM?encoding=UTF8&psc=1

<https://a.co/d/gymP2gd>

Mini poodle/doodle size crate:

https://www.amazon.com/New-World-Leak-Proof-Measures-Intermediate/dp/B01DLS2EY2/ref=mp_s_a_1_6_sspa?crid=2V9A5EPAFK61&keywords=mini+poodle+crate&qid=1692542685&s=petsupplies&sprefix=mini+poodle+crate%2Caps%2C124&sr=1-6spons&sp_csd=d2lkZ2V0TmFtZT1zcF9waG9uZV9zZWZyY2hfbXRm&psc=1

Playpen- this could be a great relief to put in a hard flooring surface in your home to keep your new puppy safe from chewing furniture, shoes electrical cords ect. It's also nice for them as they are familiar with this type of environment in my home as I raise them. We bring them to the playpen for playtime and exercise. In my house, we often have toys, chew bones, water, food dish and litter box. The litter box would be a XL cat size litter box, with pine pellets inside. I like to encourage new puppy owners to use this method for the first few months until they are better at potty training and house trained. It gives them room to exercise and play but you can have peace of mind that they are safe and not sneaking off to have a potty accident or chew up a beloved shoe;) The link below is only 8 panels so it's quite small. I'll attach a few options. Depending on your space you might be able to make it work or get a larger one for more space. It can be helpful for the backyard, as well, if it's not

fenced in. Gives them and you a place to relax while potty training. Check local facebook posts for products like these.

<https://a.co/d/8t3QaOA>

<https://a.co/d/aHWxsSA>

<https://a.co/d/gdlzHBX>

<https://a.co/d/4hvpA8z>

Washable pee pad link is below- they come in all sizes and can be used for flooring in playpen if need be.

<https://a.co/d/g8LOdN>

Collars

Golden's neck size about 8-12 inches and size small, however they grow so fast, so be ready for the next size up:)

Mini Poodle and Micro Bernedoodle neck size is about 6-11 inches, try a small size collar to begin with.

Harnesses

Sporn and Halti:

Both harnesses are very easy to use and I highly recommend them! You'll have to buy appropriate sizing.

I use large size on my full grown golden. A small would work at first but they would grow fast into a medium. XS for mini poodles.

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B002AV3NGA/ref=dp_cerb_2

HALTI No Pull Harness- Non Pull Harness for Dogs, Ideal for No-Pull Training, Obedience, and Walks, Stops Leash Pulling and Choking, Comfortable, Adjustable, Humane, Durable, Safe, Effective

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07NSMBVYS/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_api_glt_i_KB1G1166H21ZBJ0Z56VC?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1

Bones-

DON'T use rawhides- I don't recommend it, they can cause digestive issues and cause them to choke among other possible health issues.

DO- ask your local butcher or grocery store for bones. Or purchase roasted bones, deer/elk antlers or a kong to fill with peanut butter and keep them entertained. Lots of chew bones and toys since they lose baby teeth this first year and grow adult teeth- they love to chew and better a bone than a shoe!!

Spay (female) & neuter (male)

What age to spay and neuter has become a topic of discussion for many breeders, owners and vets over the years. In the past it was said to have the procedure done before they go into sexual maturity to avoid unplanned litters. However, studies have shown it is beneficial to wait and let the dog's hormones and physical development continue till they are closer to full maturity. The recommended age is for a male is 12-14 months and a female is 8-10 months old, after she has her first heat cycle. It is said waiting helps reduce cancer risks.

I will attach a link with further information on some of the pros and cons of waiting to spay/neuter.

<https://www.my-golden.com/best-age-to-neuter-a-goldenretriever/#:~:text=What%20is%20the%20Best%20Age%20to%20Neuter%20a,12%20months%20of%20age%20and%20after%2012%20months.>

Training-

We offer training here with us at 8 weeks old or come back later, if need be, and get an excellent start for your pup to learn obedience skills. It consists of a 10-day beginner pup program taught by my daughter, Addy. The puppy school is for early age puppies (under 6 months) is based off the Baxter & Bella program. Your puppy will learn to accept and build the bond between themselves and the trainer. This is done through multiple daily training sessions. The puppy will learn the first skill and the following skills will be taught as the first skill is recalled and so on till they have learned them all. By the end of 10-days he/she will confidently know all the skills and will be able to show you either in person or through video. You will also be given paperwork to help you continue the training recall. They will also be fully crate trained. Potty training will be taught and worked on during this timeframe, but it's not guaranteed to be completed, as they are young and it takes continual training and consistency for that, which isn't included in this beginner program.

Cost is 1000.00 and due upon completion. Must bring a leash and food.

GOLDEN RANCH TRAINING PROGRAM

10-day academy to teach the following skills:

Sit for attention/Politely

Name recall

Sit

Down

Stay

Come

Look

Yes

Wait

Touch

Let's Go

Paw

Gently

Go to kennel

Drop it

Leave it

Loose leash walking

Potty training beginning

Crate Training

If you choose to do your own training, great! Just stay consistent.

Find a trainer or puppy class, if you think you'll need some direction! These dogs will train beautifully, if you put the time in and use positive reinforcement!

We have an excellent source for at home online training for your puppy. It comes with a lifetime membership and resources. Check out Baxter & Bella. Use code CLEMENTI for 25% off if you sign up!

<https://www.baxterandbella.com>

Vaccine-

They receive initial booster vaccine from our vet by 8 weeks of age. Date given and vaccine info is in puppies going home paperwork. They will need another booster vaccine 4 weeks after initial booster and again 4 weeks later. Check with your vet for more information. Be sure to find a good vet by asking around, word of mouth typically can give you good results!

Dog Vaccinations

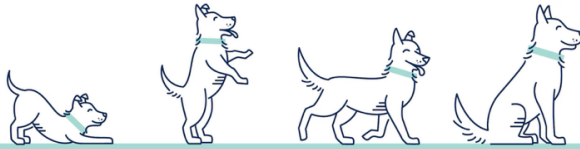
petMD
by chewy

Core Vaccines

Must-have: Disease is preventable if core vaccine is administered by a licensed veterinary professional.

Lifestyle Vaccines

Vaccine does not provide complete prevention of disease but risk and spread of disease is lowered when vaccine is administered by a licensed veterinary professional.



6-8 Weeks	10-12 Weeks	14-16 Weeks	Annual Examinations
Core Vaccines	Core Vaccines	Core Vaccines	Core Vaccines
DA2PP*	DA2PP* Leptospirosis	Rabies** DA2PP* Leptospirosis	Rabies** DA2PP* Leptospirosis
Lifestyle Vaccines	Lifestyle Vaccines	Lifestyle Vaccines	Lifestyle Vaccines
Bordetella Parainfluenza	Lyme Canine Influenza	Lyme Canine Influenza	Lyme Canine Influenza Bordetella

*DA2PP: (Distemper, Adenovirus I & II, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza) Also referred to as 5-way vaccine.

**Rabies: Vaccine renewal depends on state laws and risk.

ALL IN ALL- I hope to just help you on your way to enjoying your new family friend! They are going to love you and your family! Have fun! Please DON'T hesitate to ask for help or any other questions!

Thanks again!

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