

Feeding schedule for your puppy

How many times a day should a puppy eat?

Regardless of age, it's important to establish a feeding schedule for your puppy. A set schedule will help with potty training, as you'll have a better sense of when your puppy needs to go outside.

Puppies less than 6 months old

Most puppies are fully weaned from mother's milk between six and eight weeks. Once weaned, puppies should get three scheduled feedings a day. Fill up a 16 oz small feeding bowl and let the puppy eat what he wants.

Puppies 6 months to 1 Year old

Around six months of age, decrease the number of feedings to twice a day: once in the morning and once in the evening.

Again, filling up the bowl allowing him to eat as much as he wants.

1 Year & Up

Many puppies reach maturity around their first birthday. You can reduce the feedings to twice a day or once a day. At this age I would fill up the 16 oz bowl for a once per day feeding or 8 oz per feeding twice per day.

Regardless of your puppy's age, it's important to stick to your feeding schedule. Establishing a routine helps your puppy learn what to expect.

If your puppy is getting too fat you should decrease the food in half. If your puppy is too thin than increase the bowl size to the next size up.

Dogs are like humans and need to base their weight NOT by a chart or the back of some dog food label. Dachshunds weight can fluctuate depending on how much energy they burn from the exercise they get. Your breeder will be able to tell you if your dog "LOOKS" good or not.

Vets and dog food labels will give you what they think the dog should weigh. This is NOT accurate. Not all dachshunds are built the same.