

The saying “You are what you eat” applies to dogs, too – a dog is what he eats. At DogBoy’s we place great emphasis on diet because what your dog eats affects his health, behavior and response to training.

It would be nice to say that all dog food is created equal – unfortunately, that isn’t the case. Certain ingredients in our dogs’ foods can cause allergies, are poorly digested or are even unnecessary. When a dog eats a food on a regular basis that doesn’t agree with his system, the symptoms often manifest themselves as behavior issues – such as hyperactivity, inattentiveness or even aggression – or in physical issues – such as lick granulomas, poor coat quality or ear infections. By limiting, reducing or avoiding certain ingredients, your dog will be healthier – behaviorally and physically.

Ingredients to **AVOID** are: corn, wheat, sorghum, by-products, sugar and sweeteners, and dyes

The Question of “People Food”

Fresh, healthy foods are a wonderful addition to your dog’s diet (imagine eating the same processed food day in and day out – how boring!). Adding fresh or cooked fruits, vegetables and plain yogurt with live active cultures to your dog’s diet provides both healthy variety and strengthens his digestive system so that any dietary changes don’t result in G.I. upsets. Dogs digest smaller pieces of fruits and vegetables easier, so make sure they are tiny pieces.

Try adding the following fruits and veggies to your dog’s diet: apple (without seeds), asparagus, banana, berries, broccoli, cantaloupe, carrot, cauliflower, green beans, peas, sweet potato, tomato, watermelon and zucchini.

Foods toxic to our dogs include: apple seeds, chocolate, grapes, macadamia nuts, onions, raisins and walnuts.

How Often to Feed?

For healthy adult dogs (i.e., dogs more than six months), feeding once or twice a day is sufficient. Puppies will need to be fed more often, depending on their age.

Keep in mind:

- Feeding too frequently can reduce your dog’s response to and interest in training, especially if you are using food rewards.
- Feeding at set times may lead to demanding behaviors. The exception to this is puppies learning house training.
- It’s important to limit the amount of food dogs have access to so we remain a valuable resource.

Foods we recommend:

- ♥ Acana
www.championpetfoods.com
- ♥ Addiction
www.addictitonfoods.com
- ♥ Blue Buffalo
www.bluebuff.com
- ♥ California Natural//Innova
www.naturapet.com
- ♥ Canidae
www.canidae.com
- ♥ Earthborn Holistic
www.earthbornholisticpetfood.com
- ♥ Evanger's
www.evangersdogfood.com
- ♥ Evo
www.evopet.com
- ♥ Fromm
www.frommfamily.com
- ♥ Go! and Now!
www.petcurean.com
- ♥ Honest Kitchen
www.thehonestkitchen.com
- ♥ Karma Organic
www.karmaorganicpet.com
- ♥ Kife4K9
www.lief4K9.com
- ♥ Laughing Dog
www.laughingdoginc.com
- ♥ Merrick
www.merrickpetcare.com
- ♥ Mulligan Stew
www.mulliganstewpetfood.com
- ♥ Natural Balance
www.naturalbalanceinc.com
- ♥ Nature's Logic
www.natureslogic.com
- ♥ Nature's Variety/Instinct/Prairie
www.naturesvariety.com
- ♥ Nulo
www.nulo.com
- ♥ Organix Castor and Pollux Pet Works
www.castorpolluxpet.com
- ♥ Orijen
www.orijen.ca
- ♥ Pinnacle
www.breeders-choice.com
- ♥ Pure Vita
www.nutrisourcedogfood.com
- ♥ Solid Gold
www.solidgoldhealth.com
- ♥ Spot's Stew
www.halo.com
- ♥ Taste of the Wild
www.tasteofthewildpetfood.com
- ♥ Timberwolf
www.timberwolforganics.com
- ♥ Wellness
www.wellnesspetfood.com
- ♥ ZiwiPeak
www.ziwipeak.com

Tomlinson's
www.tomlinsons.com

Bark 'n Purr Pet Center
www.barknpurr.com

DogBoy's Dog Ranch
www.dogboys.com

Gallery of Pets
www.galleryofpets.com

Just For Pets
www.justforpetsaustin.com

River and Reefs Pet Center
www.riversandreefsaustin.com