

WHITE MILL VETERINARY CENTRE

for healthy pets in Sandwich & East Kent



What do I feed my puppy?

After weaning puppies will usually be fed three times a day by the breeder, usually at breakfast time, lunch time and again in the evening. You should continue feeding for three times a day until the puppy is at least 6 months of age. At 6 months it is fine to go down to two feedings a day, one in the morning and one in the evening.

Ready made dog foods that can be bought in the supermarket usually contain a balanced diet for your dog or puppy. There are many brands to choose from, choosing premium brands is not always necessary but you can be assured of total dog nutrition if you stick to the big name brands. Check the packaging for wording such as 'Total nutritional requirements for dogs and puppies'.

Throw away uneaten food. Don't put it back in the fridge to give the puppy later as it could be contaminated by bacteria.

Puppies can begin eating dry dog food from an early age and most find it quite enjoyable. There are supermarket brands and there are brands that are only available from your vet or pet food store. The brands that are available from the vets are premium brands such as Hills which are scientifically formulated to meet recommendations of veterinarians and nutritionists.

It is important to measure your dog's daily intake of food to guard against overfeeding, and to establish a routine so your dog will know what to expect.

Water

Fresh drinking water should be available to your puppy at all times.