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Dog Food: Read Labels

When selecting a dog food reach for a good food that is both nutritious and balanced. You will find out if the food is what you need by reading the label. When reading the label, be sure to do your homework. Keep in mind that most dog foods list their first ingredient as whole meal. Good as this sounds, this tells you that the meat has a high percentage of water and less nutritious.

You will also notice labels that contain chicken and chicken meal. Opt for the chicken meal as this means it has been baked to remove bacteria and toxins. Again, the ingredient chicken is 60% water, which means you are not buying good nutrition here.

When you feed your dog the best you can they are more apt to be healthy and happy. When you feed your dog inferior food he will become sick. He will stop being playful and will become lethargic.

Dog Food: Don't Go Cheap

When you spend a little more on your dog food you are getting a superior product and isn't your dog worth it? Knowing you are buying the best to feed your dog for his best health is its own reward. Your dog will look great and be happy. This is what every dog owner wants.

Dog food ingredients are important to pay attention to. Many dog food manufacturers count on your purchasing your dog food at the local store or grocer because this is so convenient. Most people like to pick up their dog food where they purchase their food for the family each week. Some dog food manufacturers that are carried at the grocer feel they can get away with cutting corners on your dog's good health. Don't buy into that or you will have a very unhealthy pet.

Most important to remember is to check your labels! Look for protein listed first so that you are certain to get the optimal nutrition for your dog. Avoid labels that contain multiple by-products on the list as this is inferior nutrition and not the food you want to be feeding your beloved dog.

Dog Food: Go For Chicken

Chicken is a great ingredient to feed your dog but don't be misled.

Commercial manufacturers will list chicken as both chicken and chicken meal. What are the differences of the two? The chicken meal is best because it is baked to remove the bacteria and toxins. The ingredient chicken contains some 60% water so you are not getting your monies worth or a meat that is most nutritious.

Next to continue is moisture level in dog foods. The moist dog foods are best because they contain more protein and less water when converted to dry matter.

Dog Food: Buy Premium

Premium dog foods are the best foods for your dog. They do cost more because they are of high value and so pay off in the end both for your dog and for your pocketbook.

Premium dog foods do not contain harmful fillers and inferior ingredients. They are both sound and nutritious. There are no colors or preservatives so your dog will be fed nature's finest.

Learn how to calculate to convert to dry matter when reading labels. This is the best value for your dollar and the best nutrition for your dog.

Taurine is an excellent ingredient in some dog foods. It is an amino acid and works to benefit the dog's heart, kidneys and blood. It works to carry essential ingredients to and from cells.

You should read labels carefully to see if Taurine is included in your dog's food. Not all dog foods will. When so many dog food manufacturers are just in business for the buck, keep this in mind when you select your choice of dog food.

Some foods are poisonous to your dog. Every day table foods that you and your family enjoy, for example, can cause permanent damage to your beloved pet.

The only food that you should be feeding your dog is approved foods by your Veterinarian. These come complete with sound nutrition.

Don't think that you are doing your pet any favors by offering him a wee morsel of your own food. Doing this only now and then is forbidden and should never be entertained. After all, why would you want to feed your beloved pet something you know will harm him?

Feed your dog on a good schedule and limit the amounts. This is the best you can do for your dog and this is a responsible dog owner's job.

In order for your dog to be at his best health it is important to keep your dog's weight down. All of that extra weight is not healthy.

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Choose dog foods according to your dog's size, daily activity level and health conditions. When you are doing this you are doing the best you can to take proper care of your dog.

Avoid the cheaper brand dog foods as these are inferior choices for your dog's best interest and help.

Your dog is an individual and so his needs won't be exactly the same as your neighbor's dog. Take all of these factors into consideration and you will be proud to be a dog owner.

Dog Food: Food Requirements

Understand the proper food requirements of your pet! The better dog foods are called Premium for they contain the best of everything nutritious and healthy. You can find these types of dog foods at your Vet or specialty stores. Some grocery stores will carry some of these brands, too, but read those labels. Cheaper brands of dog food are called Commercial and are found commonly in your corner store and grocery food store where you shop for the family food.

If you feel you must buy cheaply, keep in mind that you will purchase cheap ingredients. This includes cheap sources of protein, which you really should not be skimping on. They will include cheap by-products and fillers, which provide little to no nutrition for your dog.

Take your dog's health into consideration. When you feed him cheaper dog food he will not be able to maintain his good health so be careful when you select your brand of dog food.

Feeding your puppy takes special consideration. Your dog will grow significantly during the first 15 months so feeding him the optimal diet that they need is very important.

Protein is concern number one. Your puppy will require larger amounts of protein during this time. The balance of foods must be met too. Balanced ingredients are very important to a healthy puppy!

Different breeds of dogs have different requirements. Consult with your Veterinarian to find out which choice is best for your puppy according to breed.

Find out the suggested feeding guidelines, as well. Feeding your puppy right will mean a happy and healthy puppy and you will enjoy your time with him as he grows and matures.

You and your dog will have many life's challenges along the way, as well as many triumphs and joys. Send your dog on his way to enjoy his life with you by buying and feeding the best of nutrition for your pet.

Basic Dog Facts Every Dog Lover Should Know

Most people like cuddly puppies and grown-up dogs. But before you welcome a new dog into your home, there are some things you need to think through to be sure both you and your new best friend are happy and healthy.

Remember that dogs, no matter what they are today, were predators in the past. Wolves, hyenas, dingoes, and foxes are carnivorous creatures who hunt to survive. Dogs were most likely domesticated from their wolf ancestors from 20,000 to 15,000 years ago. In fact, the many dog breeds have only proliferated in the last 200-300 years. Before that, a few breeds existed to meet their masters' needs for work.

When you own a dog, remember that the wolf is somewhere in there hiding. Depending on its breed and the way you treat it, that wolf could surprise you with a quick snip or a more vicious attack. Careful selection and training of your dog will assure that your best friend remains a best friend.

Before you select a dog, do your homework. Become familiar with dog breeds and personality traits, and compare these to your personal reasons for having a dog. Do you want a cute, cuddly friend to dress up and carry around? Do you want a champion at dog agility competitions or a champion show dog? Do you want a companion for your children? Or do you want a body guard and home protector? Do you need support to cope with a disability?

Each breed has characteristics that indicate what your life with your new friend will be like. If you aren't very patient or don't like a lot of noise, you probably shouldn't adopt a small, energetic dog with lots of demands for attention. If you want an affectionate loyal companion, you might want to consider a Golden or Labrador Retriever or a Collie. If you want to protect your property, you might take a look at a German Shepherd, a Rottweiler, or a Doberman Pincher.

If your household includes young children, your choice should be a careful one. Your new dog will have to be patient and tolerate with kindness having its tail pulled, being jumped on, and engaged in wrestling for hours on end. Bulldogs, American Eskimo dogs, Beagles, Retrievers, Setters, Sheepdogs, and many Terriers are among the many breeds good with children.

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Want a dog you can dress up and put in cute clothes? Then look for a dog that has plenty of hair (for those fancy hair-dos) and is small enough to carry around. "Designer dogs" like Poodles, Yorkies and Westies, Bichon Frises, Pomeranians, and the more exotic Shih Tzu are excellent candidates for this.

If you're looking for protection, be sure to look at breeds that aren't too friendly to strangers. Great Danes are huge and intimidating, but they're likely to fall in love with the first burglar they meet! Bulldogs are another breed that look fierce but come out kissing. German Shepherds are probably the most familiar and trainable guard dogs. Other breeds also protect your home and family: Rottweilers, Boxers, Doberman Pinchers, and Giant Schnauzers are among them.

There are a few breeds that were created for their ferociousness. Rottweilers and Pit Bull Terriers are notorious for vicious attacks. So if you are considering these breeds, you must be very clear about what to expect and very careful in training a well-behaved dog.

When you decide to bring a dog into your home, you need to be educated about what you need, what you want, and what breed will most likely fulfill your goals. When you adopt a dog, you are adding a member to your family - one for which you will be responsible for a lifetime. You should be committed to working through all the behavioral and training kinks and providing a stable, loving home. You'll not only have to train your dog, but you'll have to be trained in how to handle that dog.

A final note: Cesar Milan, the Dog Whisperer, says, "There are no bad dogs. Only bad dog owners." No matter what breed you bring into your home, in the end, you are the one responsible for your dog's behavior. Learn all you can about the dog you hope to own, and learn all you can about yourself as a pack leader. Even the feared Pit Bull is a sweet loving dog in the right hands.

No matter what breed you think you want, you should know about the specific dog's parentage, personal history, and temperament before making the commitment to be his lifetime caretaker and friend.

Caring For Dogs That Are Hypoallergenic For Humans

Hypoallergenic dog breeds are the most suitable for people who are allergic to dog dander and fur. Some of the more popular hypoallergenic dog breeds include terrier, basenji, bichon frise, poodle, Chinese crested, greyhound, havanese, Irish water spaniel, and shih Tzu.

While they do produce some dander, the dander of hypoallergenic dogs is little enough to create minimal discomfort for those who come in contact with them. There are many breeds of hypoallergenic dog. Many of them are miniatures or toys that have lots of energy and may have difficult temperaments for the more sedate dog owner.

Nonetheless, even the allergic dog owner can follow a few simple steps to limit discomfort and enjoy your life with your furry companion. These tips will also generally apply to any household welcoming a new dog into its family, especially the hypoallergenic dog breeds.

A new dog (no matter how old) may well be frightened during its first hours and days in your house. Hypoallergenic dog breeds tend to be a bit more nervous than others. It may not welcome human contact at first, so you should refrain from handling them too much the first few days. Be attentive, but don't smother them with affection. Let them acclimate to their new house. Just let your new dog roam around the house, sniff the furniture, and find its way around.

When your new hypoallergenic dog becomes accustomed to its new surroundings, begin a grooming routine to reduce the amount of dander and fur that might otherwise settle on your furniture, carpets, and clothing. In addition to reducing your danger of allergic reactions, regular brushing will reduce matting and knots that make your hypoallergenic dog uncomfortable and unattractive. A steel comb with wide teeth will help untangle knots and trap loose hair. It's important not to let your hypoallergenic dog's skin get too dry with all the brushing and grooming. You can find products at the pet store or through your veterinarian that will help reduce skin problems.

Giving your hypoallergenic dog plenty of exercise will also reduce your risk of allergic reaction. First, the fresh air will help keep its fur free of dander. Second, when your dog is tired and sleeps all night, it will be less likely to want your company while you sleep, spending less time

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on your bed to leave dander and fur on your bedspread and sheets. Regular, frequent cleaning of your sheets and bedspread will also reduce your discomfort.

Make sure your hypoallergenic dog has a special place of its own to sleep, day and night. A soft bed or an old blanket will give them a warm, secure spot for sleeping. Wash their pet bed often so that dander and fur don't build up to a dangerous level where it can easily transfer to your carpet or clothing.

You can't avoid some allergens from being present in your home, even with a hypoallergenic dog breed, so it's important to keep your home well-vacuumed and clean at all times to maintain your good health as well.

Regular grooming is perhaps more important for hypoallergenic dog breeds than for others, especially when you have allergies to your baby. Even dogs with short hair need regular professional grooming. For people with allergies, monthly baths are a must! This will not only protect you from allergies, but it will assure your hypoallergenic dog a long, happy, healthy life.

Remember that even hypoallergenic dog breeds can still cause allergy attacks now and then. Be sure you visit your doctor when you get your dog and continue to follow your personal preventive routine to prevent serious problems with your allergies.

Caring For Your Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Pet Dog

First bred in Ireland as a farm dog and family companion, the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier is closely related to the Irish and Kerry Blue Terriers. He has a soft, silky coat, and he is a happy dog. He's not as feisty as other terriers but makes a good watch dog and protector. This medium-sized dog ranges from 20-40 pounds in adulthood and has a strong graceful gate. Most Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers are very good with children.

Many people think the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier is a high-maintenance animal because of its longer fur, and they do require a lot of grooming to maintain a healthy, matt-free coat. If you're thinking about bringing a Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier into your home and family, you should understand what it takes to care for and groom him.

A Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier's coat is perhaps the most distinguishing thing about him. His very name captures this outstanding feature. He has a long, abundant white to light-grey coat that falls loosely about his frame. A good breed for allergy sufferers, a well-groomed dog will not shed much at all. However, its coat requires regular, careful grooming.

Frequent grooming is necessary with the Soft Coated Wheaten Carrier. A daily comb (use a medium-toothed comb) is recommended over a brush for the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, and it should be used daily to prevent matting and to keep the coat soft, shiny, and tangle-free. You'll also want to have him trimmed now and then to preserve the traditional "terrier look" and allow for his new coat to grow. You'll be happier if you begin to acclimate your Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier to the grooming procedures while he's still a puppy. Make him learn to love the comb and trimmer, and he's more likely to be cooperative!

In addition to daily combing and occasional trimming, it's important to care for the eyes, ears, teeth, and nails of your Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier. Their abundance of fur makes it easy to get eye and ear infections, and brushing his teeth regularly can add years to his life. If you don't know how or are not able to do these tasks yourself, you can hire a professional dog groomer to handle it.

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It's important to begin socializing and training your Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier pet dog while he's still a puppy. Being a terrier, he has lots of energy and can become dog aggressive if it's not channeled properly. Your Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier will respond well to a training program that is characterized by a few well-picked keywords:

Consistency

Always be consistent when you're training you Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier pet dog. Use the same hand signals, body language, and tone of voice for each command to avoid confusion and mixed behavior. And always be consistent with punishment and rewards so that your Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier pet dog will know what you expect when you want something of him.

Tone

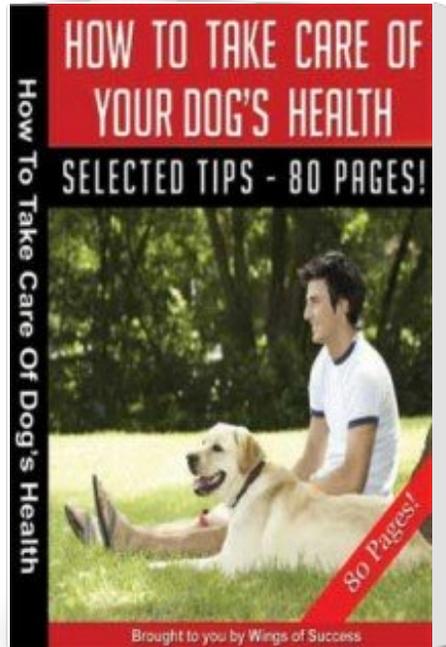
Soft coated wheaten terriers are sensitive to tone of voice. He'll be able to read you quickly, especially if you are not sensitive to how sensitive he is. For a consistent level of behavior, try to cultivate a calm, soft tone with him at all times.

Timing

Your Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier will respond better if you correct and reward him immediately so that he associates his behavior with your response. If you sense he's about to make a mistake, correct him before it happens. Your terrier will have a sense of behavioral consequences if you react to him quickly and clearly.

There's considerable work involved in the care and training of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier pet dog. He is a bundle of energy, though not so much as other terriers. He's a good-sized dog with an enthusiastic nature and the ability to protect you and your children. He's a great playmate for the kids and a loving companion for you. But be aware that when you bring the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier into your home, you are making a commitment to provide regular, careful care and grooming.

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