

# FEEDING GUIDELINES

## Feeding Considerations

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**No Activity:** The concern here is the amount fed to maintain ideal weight may not be enough to keep the dog feeling full, so begging may ensue. Displace this behavior with chew toys, walks and other activity. If the diet is fed at a level that supports ideal weight, most pets will adapt to it in time. The main time of begging tends to be right after feeding before the dog's brain has had time to realize his/her stomach has been fed. Another technique to use in the case of begging is to feed the day's allotted portion in more frequent meals. This, with behavior displacement, is often successful at reducing begging.

**Average Activity:** Per feeding guide, adjusted to the amount that maintains ideal weight.

**High Activity:** As much as the dog will eat without gaining weight. Stool volume will go up.

**Lactation:** Trained judgment call. Keep in mind that in as early as three weeks, the puppies may be consuming some of mom's food.

**Puppy (large and small):** A pet owner may not always know how big a dog will be. Someone who bought a purebred has a better indication; however, knowing the mother's size is not full proof either. Puppies should be fed frequent small meals. There is far more danger from over feeding than under feeding. If bone and stature appear to be increasing properly, a leaner body condition is much preferred to a butter ball physique. Dogs are growing for 18 months, with small breeds reaching adult metabolism a little sooner.



## Safe Handling Instructions:

- 🐾 Keep frozen until use!
- 🐾 Keep raw meats separate from other foods
- 🐾 Wash working surfaces, utensils, hands and any other items that are in contact with raw meat, fish and poultry
- 🐾 Refrigerate leftovers immediately or discard

## Feeding Instructions:

Place the recommended amount of K-9 Kraving frozen raw diet dog food in the refrigerator prior to serving ensuring food is completely thawed prior to feeding.

- 🐾 Individual chubs 10-12 hours
- 🐾 Individual patties 1-2 hours prior to serving
- 🐾 Once thawed, the food will remain fresh for 4-5 days while refrigerated

DO NOT microwave, as this will alter the nutritional characteristics of the food.

## Transitioning to a Raw Diet:

We recommend transitioning a dog's diet to raw starting with the first meal of the day.

On occasion, due to change in texture, a dog may require weaning into a raw diet by intermixing his/her previous feed with the raw diet; gradually increasing the raw portion of their meal over one week.

## K-9 Kraving Packaging Conversion:

1/4 lb. Patty = 4 oz.

- 🐾 1/2 of a 1/4 lb. Patty = 2 oz.

1 lb. Chub = 16 oz.

- 🐾 3/4 of a 1 lb. Chub = 12 oz.
- 🐾 1/2 of a 1 lb. Chub = 8 oz.
- 🐾 1/4 of a 1 lb. Chub = 4 oz.





# K-9 KRAVING RAW DIET FEEDING CHART

Age/ Weight	Puppy (per meal) Weaning - 6 Months	Active Adult (per meal) Over 6 Months	Inactive Adult (per meal) Over 6 Months
 Up to 10 lbs.	2 to 4 oz.	4 oz.	2 oz.
 11 to 25 lbs.	4 to 6 oz.	6 oz.	4 oz.
 26 to 50 lbs.	6 to 8 oz.	8 oz.	6 oz.
 51 to 75 lbs.	1 to 1.5 lbs.	1.5 lbs.	1 lb.
 Over 75 lbs.	1.5 to 2 lbs.	2 lbs.	1.5 lbs.

NOTE: Age, Activity Level, Breed and Climate, along with the trained eye of the dog's guardian will assist in determining a dog's overall daily intake based on our "per meal" recommendations above.

Based on two meals per day.



*I adopted my 3-year old Pit around a year ago and ever since I've been sniffing the house when I come home from work to see if there's been another attack of diarrhea and vomiting. After a year of visits to the vet, last minute calls to the dog walkers and days of "family sick leave", a vet suggested a raw diet. Xena's eating K-9 Kraving's Free Range Buffalo & Turkey formula combined with probiotics. She's had a month of normal digestion, weight gain and extra energy. She's like a new dog! Thanks for giving me the healthy, happy dog I always knew was hiding in there.*

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