

PUPPY DIET SHEET

8 a.m. BREAKFAST	Royal Canin Mini dried, Goats Milk to drink or water
1 p.m. LUNCH	Soaked Royal Canin Mini Puppy Food with a little cooked chicken.
5 p.m. DINNER	Royal Canin Mini puppy biscuit meal with a small amount of Minced Raw Beef /Tripe
9 p.m. SUPPER	Royal Canin Mini dried, Goats Milk or water

Amounts will vary according to appetite and age of the puppy and must be increased day by day and week by week as puppy grows. Cavaliers can be greedy dogs **DO NOT OVER FEED** if your Cavalier becomes fat they will not be long lived **FRESH CLEAN WATER MUST** be available at all times.

FOUR Meals per day should be fed till at least 4-5 months of age, the/then, if puppy starts leaving food he/she can go down to three meals i.e. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Between 6 -12 months, again according to appetite, he/she can drop down to two meals per day i.e. Breakfast and Dinner.

If tinned food is used occasionally, only about a teaspoonful, just enough to flavor should be used (as these are very rich and can easily upset puppy's tummy)

Over exercising your puppy may cause knee and bone problems later causing early arthritis
It is important to keep puppy to their diet and do not over exercise.

Do not take your puppy for walks till at least 6 months of age. Playing in the garden and trotting around the house are plenty. Lead train puppy starting at about 4 months, use a soft nylon type lead and only train them for 5-10 minutes at a time, going 25-30 yards only. Lots of patience are called for and always end the lesson on a happy note so that puppy feels pleased with their efforts. Puppy will enjoy car rides from a very early age and this should be encouraged. Walks can be stepped up after 7-8 months of age, slowly increasing the distance you want puppy to go. It is important not to overstrain puppy's legs while they are young as the bones are soft. Groom daily and tease out any knots especially behind the ears, arm pits and under tail.

When housetraining, take puppy outside and stay with them until they have completed their toilet and then praise him/her. Puppy will need to relieve themselves about every 1 ½ - 2 hours, especially every time puppy wakes up and after their meals. As puppy gets older he/she will be able to wait longer and then a regular toilet pattern can be established. It is difficult for a young puppy to control himself overnight so do not be cross with him if he/she disgraces himself. **DO NOT** smack puppy for doing what is natural. Only scold puppy by tone of voice if you actually catch them in the act. Always stay with puppy outside and praise them for being a clean puppy - this way he/she will soon learn easily and happily. If you put puppy out and leave him/her their one thought is to get back indoors with you - all thoughts of toilet are forgotten!

Try to keep training commands to "one word" commands i.e. 'No', 'Leave', 'Sit', 'Down', etc. Always have a happy lilt in your voice when you call him/her, and make him/her welcome. If puppy does not come when called, try bribery with a biscuit. If you have to scold him, always go to him while in the act, **NEVER** call him to you and then scold him because puppy will think twice about coming to you next time they are called as they will associate being called with being scolded.

Remember puppy is very much like a child and therefore calm, gentle but firm guidance is best, giving him security, assurance and confidence. Puppy can only learn from **YOU**. Do not play rough games with your puppy as you will be teaching him to grow up wild and rough. Teach them instead to grow up into a well - behaved and gentle dog , all that you teach him/her in the first few months of its life will never be forgotten. Do not shout at him as he/she is very sensitive and it will only frighten and confuse them. Cavaliers want to please - so help him/her to understand how to please you.

Vaccinations not before 10 weeks old also a final worming. Then worm quarterly.

IMPORTANT

THE DIETARY NOTES ARE THE RESULT OF MANY YEARS EXPERIENCE AND WE MUST STRESS THAT IF YOU DO NOT FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY PROBLEMS ARISING.