

HERVEY BAY VETERINARY SURGERY

Owner Information Series

FEEDING RECOMMENDATIONS

DO'S

- Feed good quality dry food
 - Will say 'Complete and Balanced' on the package
 - Tells you exactly what it contains
 - Does not give you approximations of ingredients
- Give 1 – 2 raw bones weekly
 - Whole beef leg bones are best
- Feed your pet for the weight they should be, not the weight they are (if they are overweight)
- Feed your pet for the life stage/health state they are in
 - Puppy/kitten
 - Senior
 - Sensitive stomach/skin
 - Obese
 - Renal/liver disease
- Feed your pet at least twice daily, keeping in mind how much food per day (including treats) you are feeding
- Ask for feeding advice!
Veterinary staff – especially nursing and support staff, are fully trained to provide you with the best possible nutritional advice and they will happily do so.

DON'TS

- Dog roll/dog sausage is BAD, as are pet minces and pet meats. These foods can contain extremely high levels of fats and poor quality ingredients that can be detrimental to your pet's health. Not to mention the \$\$\$ you will fork out later in life for dentistry...
- Feeding too many bones can cause constipation or obstruction.
- Never feed cooked bones
- Never allow children near dogs that are eating/playing with bones
- Avoid T-bones, chops, cutlets, brisket and marrow bones as these are high in fat.
- Avoid bones that have been cut. Whole leg bones are the best.
- Feed small bones that can be swallowed whole.
- Never give supplements to your pets without veterinary advice.
- Do not leave bulk pet foods in accessible places. Ingestion of large quantities of food can cause bloating and possible 'flipping' of the stomach. This is an emergency situation and will require immediate veterinary attention.

NEVER FEED THE FOLLOWING FOODS:

Onions, garlic, chocolate, coffee/caffeine products, avocado, bread dough, grapes, raisins, sultanas, currants, nuts including macadamia nuts, fruit stones (pits) i.e.; mango seeds, apricot and avocado stones, fruit seeds, corn cobs, green tomatoes, mushrooms, small pieces of raw bones or fatty off-cuts/trimmings.