



The Best Time To Switch From Puppy To Adult Dog Food

Puppies need an entire and balanced puppy food until they reach an age of maturity. It's common for dogs who are one year or older to be considered adults, but that is not always the case. When it comes to dogs, adulthood is largely determined by the size of their breed rather than their age. In comparison with small- or medium-sized breeds, large and giant breeds require more puppy food as they mature more slowly.



Here's how long to feed puppy food according to breed sizes:

- Toy and Little Breed Dogs: Many toys and small breed dogs weigh less than 20 pounds at maturity and reach this size between 9-10 months of age.
- Medium Dog Breeds: Medium-sized dogs weigh between 21 and 50 pounds at maturity and have a tendency to reach maturity around 12 months of age.
- Large & Giant Breeds: Large breeds and giant breeds weigh between 50 and 100 pounds and may take 18 months to 2 full years to reach maturity. They have to eat puppy food longer than small and medium-sized breeds.

The nutrients in puppy food support your puppy's growth, development, and energy levels. Feeding puppy food past maturity could cause your pooch to become overweight, which could cause other health problems. Ensure your puppy maintains his ideal body condition by choosing an appropriate adult dog food formula once he reaches maturity.

Once you recognize when your puppy will reach maturity, you'll decide when to switch to adult food. If your puppy is going to be fully grown at 12 months, you'll start transitioning him to an adult formula around his first birthday. It can take 7 to 10 days to form the switch, so you'll want to plan for that before you begin.

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