Considerations for Feeding your Dog

We currently feed our dogs a combination of wet and dry food, based on how much they weigh. For our adult dogs, we use Verus (dry). For our puppies (dogs under six months), we feed Verus (dry). We mix in Verus canned food in all of our dog’s meals. We use the following guidelines:

- Petite (1-10 lbs): ½ cup per day
- Small (11-25): 1 cup per day
- Medium (26-50): 2 cups per day
- Large (51-75): 3 cups per day
- X-Large (76 and up): 2 cups twice per day

As you complete your adoption process, you may purchase a small bag of the food we are currently feeding here at a discounted price to help your new dog adjust to their new home; feeding the same food for at least a few days will help ease potential “tummy troubles.” If you opt to switch to a new food, we suggest doing so over a period of at least a few days.

We strongly encourage you to consider choosing a high-quality food for your pet; this may be one of the most important decisions you make regarding your animal’s health and wellbeing. As we’ve seen with pet food recalls over the last few years, choosing a high quality food for your pet may even save their life.

The following guidelines should help you in selecting the best food for your pet:

**Look for a food that contains:**
- Human-grade ingredients.
- A whole-meat source as one of the first two ingredients (such as chicken or chicken meal, not “poultry” or “meat”).
- Whole, unprocessed grains, vegetable or other foods.

**Avoid the following:**
- “By-products”, “by-product meal,” or “meat meal.”
- Artificial dyes
- Sweeteners such as sorbitol, sucrose, corn syrup, maple syrup
- Grain fractions such as brewers rice, rice flour, rice gluten, rice bran, corn gluten meal, and wheat flour. You **do** want whole grains such as oatmeal, brown rice, barley, whole wheat and whole oats.