

## Feeding Your Small-Breed Puppy

**Get tips on best feeding methods for your small-breed puppy.**

They're often called "purse dogs" by people who don't know any better. It's a rather rude moniker, we think, especially given the royal heritages of so many small-breed pups. After all, the Emperor of China sat with Shih Tzus. King Charles II passed a law that no Cavalier King Charles Spaniel would ever be barred from the House of Parliament. And the poor Papillon walked to the guillotine with sad Marie Antoinette. (The pet was spared her ill fate.) These small-breed puppies were bred for the best. And in modern times, you should continue to give it to them. You may not be a blue-blood, but your puppy treats you like one. Besides, we know now that small-breed pups have different nutritional needs than do bigger dogs. That's because they have faster metabolisms and reach maturity quicker. This means they need higher levels of protein, fat, calcium and phosphorus to support growth and development of bones, muscles and other tissues. Moreover, their mouths and tummies are dainty, so their meals must come in the form of a petite kibble. Whether or not you chose to feed your small-breed with a silver spoon is up to you. Whatever you do, be sure to consider the benefits of a perfectly designed puppy food like Eukanuba before serving her.

### Ideal Proportions

The nutritionists behind Eukanuba know that puppies need twice as much energy as adult dogs. That's why they pack their special formulas for small-breeds with high-quality ingredients including:

Antioxidants, including beta-carotene and vitamin E (to strengthen the immune system)

Fiber such as beet pulp

Digestible carbohydrates such as barley and grain sorghum, (these release energy more slowly following a meal than conventional grains)

Omega-6 and omega-3 fatty acids (to support skin and coat health)

### The Feeding Schedule

Some small-breeds enjoy classical music. Others have come to enjoy jazz. Whatever her taste, make sure mealtimes also include kibble 2-3 times per day from the time she's weaned until about four months of age. Then, she's graduated to dog food and only breakfast and dinner should suffice. Please note that fresh water should always be made available to quench her thirst.

Whatever your treasure's lineage, you'll do right by her if you feed her Eukanuba. She's your best friend and deserves nothing less. Besides, who else would keep the secret that the Burberry handbag she's riding around in is a faux?