## Quick

 Start GuideHow to create outstanding dog health for life

## UlealthyDog Fortiecem

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| Dogs Name/s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Current Weight |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ideal Weight |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Health Condition |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Medications |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sun | Mon | Tues | Weds | Thurs | Fri | Sat |
| Food Weight to Feed Each Day |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fast Day/s |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Exercise Days |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Food Choice Wk1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Food Choice Wk2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Food Choice Wk3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Food Choice Wk4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Supplements |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| What to Watch Out For <br> i.e. - bone manners |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Decide if you want to switch "cold turkey", or gradually. If your dog is generally healthy, go cold turkey. If they have health problems, particularly in the GI tract or they're older dogs or have difficulty getting started then switch gradually.
2. Begin with one meat source the first week, feeding once per day. Chicken or Tripe are good starters.
3. Feed large pieces or whole carcass so your dog has to work on it. This is excellent employment of their time. Initially, if you prefer, feed the preground ready-made raw commercial foods (single meat ingredient first i.e. chicken).

- Small Dog Example: An 8 to 14 lb or 3.6 to 6.3 kg dog (Maltese, Shih tzu, Yorkshire Terrier, Bichon Frise Pekingese, Chihuahua, Pug, King Charles Spaniel, Miniature Poodle, Dachshunds, Jack Russell Terrier, West Highland Terrier).
- Feed chicken wings \& necks, turkey necks, chicken breast, green tripe or pre-made all in one raw meals.
- Medium Dog Example: A 25 to 50 lb or 11.3 to 22.6 kg dog. (Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Wheaten Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier, Spaniels, Beagle, Bulldog, Schnauzer, Kelpie, Australian Cattle Dog, Border Collie).
- Feed chicken backs (whole frames), turkey necks, green tripe or pre-made all in one raw meals.
- Large Dog Example: A 65 to 120 lb or 29.5 to 54.4 kg dog. (Dobermann, Labrador Retriever, Golden Retriever, Giant Schnauzer, Great Dane, German Shepherd, Dalmatian, Boxer, Rottweiler, Old English Sheepdog, Weimaraner, American Foxhound, Bloodhound, Husky, Greyhound, Irish Wolfhound, Afghan Hound, American Bulldog)
- Feed large chicken backs (whole frames), turkey necks, green tripe or pre-made all in one raw meals.

4. Depending on appetite (healthy appetite, finicky eater or doesn't eat much), size and weight, vary the size and number of pieces of food given daily. Feed roughly 2-3\% for medium/large dogs and 3-5\% for
small dogs per day. Allow the dog to dictate its needs to start and keep an eye on ribcage for condition - pinch a thin layer of fat over them.
5. Each following week, work in another food source as per sample menu.
6. After the first month, work in fish once a week, some raw eggs 1 or 2 times per week, ( 1 egg small dog, 2 eggs medium dog, 3 eggs large dog) some blended, crushed or fine grated veg./salad greens/edible herbs once a week and some offal, liver/kidney etc mixed into several meals per week or as one main meal per fortnight.

For 100\% convenience: Some commercial raw food meals come ready mixed all in one balanced meals. Mix several of these meals in each week if you prefer and according to budget/convenience.
7. Always have fresh filtered water available.
8. Keep your eyes open for other food sources like rabbit, turkey necks, green tripe, buffalo and venison etc.
9. There may be some diarrhea, mood swings, barfing from the first week or two as part of the body's detoxification process, this will pass.
10. Work in one fast day per week for healthy dogs over 12 months old, after your dog has settled on the new diet.
11. Puppies can be put straight onto raw food the first day you pick them up usually at 7 to 10 weeks of age. I recommend chicken pieces, tripe, lamb breast and egg with a little offal and pureed veg.
12. Feed whatever time of day suits you.
13. Balance out the feeding of minimum 4 to 5 animal choices plus eggs, organs and a little vegetable matter over a whole month and don't worry if one week you only have one source of meat available, mix in other choices the following week.
14. Few supplements are generally needed unless feeding indoor grain fed meat, in which case supplement with some fish/krill oil twice per week. $1 / 2 t s p$ for a small dog, $11 / 2$ tsp for a medium dog and $21 / 2 t s p$ for a large dog. See Ch. 4 Raw Materials - Supplements, for more.
15. Don't worry too much about getting things perfect, just give your dog the amount he or she wants and watch the overall weight. I find generally dogs tend to balance out their weight naturally on this diet.

Feed around 50 to $65 \%$ boneless muscle meat
Feed around $30 \%$ meaty bones
Feed around 10 to15\% organs
Feed around 5\% vegetable matter

## \% of Each Food Group to Feed



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                                    ■ 50 to 65% Muscle meat
                                    ■ 30% Meaty bones
                                    \square}10\mathrm{ to 15% Organs
■ 5\% Vegetable matter
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You won't be feeding all the food groups at once, so one day it's $65 \%$ muscle meat, $30 \%$ meaty bones and $5 \%$ veg. The next day it could be $100 \%$ muscle meat.

The point being, you can vary the food greatly over the month but overall for that month you have fed the blue portion of the pie as muscle meat, the red portion as meaty bones, the green portion as organs and the purple portion as vegetable matter.

And that makes up a balanced diet for your dog each month.

## Meat Examples:

Minced beef/turkey/chicken/lamb/buffalo/pork/goat, chicken/turkey breast, eggs, heart \& ox tongue.

## Meaty Bones Examples:

Chicken/turkey necks, chicken frames, quarters \& wings, lamb breast, rack of lamb rib, lamb neck, half/whole rabbit, ox tail, pork trotter \& beef rib.

Organ Examples:
Liver, kidney, trachea, spleen, gullet, lung \& turkey/chicken giblets.

## Vegetables \& Fruit examples:

Carrot, broccoli, cabbage, Zucchini, lettuce, spinach, cress, parsley, dandelion, cantaloupe, apple, pear \& banana.

These are general figures to aim for and will give you the desired outcome, a healthy dog for life.

Remember, your dog's new diet will mean greater energy levels and newfound enthusiasm so please be prepared to get out and drain your dogs energy levels on a daily basis. I highly recommend a session of throw and fetch at the park, in your yard or if walking, it's important to be out at least 45 minutes twice per day at a good pace or power walking for a minimum of 3 good power walks of 30 minutes per week.

Example Switchover Menu for 25Ib Dog: Week 1

| 25Ib Dog of Average Energy Feeding 3\% of Lean Body Weight Per Day |  |
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| Week 1: | 3/4Ib of Chicken back/necks/quarters/breast in 1 main meal <br> per day |
| Mon: | 1 chicken back \& 1 chicken neck/s = 1/2lb, plus 1/4lb of chicken <br> breast to $=3 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$ of food for the day. |
| Tues: | The same as Monday. |
| Weds: | 3/4lb Minced all in one chicken meal. |
| Thurs: | The same as Wednesday. |
| Fri: | The same as Wednesday. |
| Sat: | 3/4lb of whole/diced chicken breast. |
| Sun: | The same as Monday. |


| Week 2: | 3/4lb of Lamb breast/mince/neck in 1 main meal per day <br> Plus add in Chicken over the week |
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| Mon: | 1/4lb of lamb breast and 1/2lb of minced lamb. |
| Tues: | 1 chicken back \& 1 chicken neck/s = 1/2lb, plus $1 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$ of chicken breast to $=3 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$ of food for the day. |
| Weds: | 3/4lb Minced all in one lamb meal. |
| Thurs: | 3/4lb Minced all in one chicken meal. |
| Fri: | $3 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$ of whole/diced lamb. |
| Sat: | 3/4Ib of whole/diced chicken breast. |
| Sun: | 1/4lb of lamb breast and 1/2lb of minced lamb. |
| Week 3: | 3/4lb of raw green beef tripe in 1 main meal per day <br> Plus add in Chicken \& Lamb over the week |
| Mon: | 3/4lb of raw green tripe in one main meal. |
| Tues: | 1 chicken back \& 1 chicken neck/s = 1/2lb, plus $1 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$ of chicken breast to $=3 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$ of food for the day. |
| Weds: | 3/4lb Minced all in one lamb meal. |
| Thurs: | 3/4lb of raw green tripe in one main meal. |
| Fri: | 3/4lb of whole/diced chicken breast. |
| Sat: | 1/4lb of lamb breast and 1/2lb of minced lamb. |
| Sun: | 3/4lb of raw green tripe in one main meal. |


| Week 4: | $3 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$ of beef heart/mince/meaty rib bone/minced organ <br> blend in 1 main meal per week <br> Plus add in Chicken, lamb \& Tripe over the week |
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| Mon: | 3/4lb of raw green tripe in one main meal. |
| Tues: | 1 chicken back \& 1 chicken neck/s $=1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$, plus $1 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$ of chicken <br> breast to $=3 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$ of food for the day. |
| Weds: | $1 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$ sliced beef heart or ox tongue with $3 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$ minced organ <br> blend. |
| Thurs: | $1 / 4 \mathrm{lb}$ of lamb breast and $1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$ of minced lamb. |
| Fri: | 3/4lb Minced all in one beef meal or beef mince |
| Sat: | 3/4lb of whole/diced chicken breast. |
| Sun: | 3/4lb of raw green tripe in one main meal. |

By following this sample switchover menu you will know what meats your dog is happy with over the month.

From week 5 you can now mix up each daily meal with various choices or whatever you have on hand.

Also from week 5 you can mix in various other muscle meats, meaty bones and/or all in one pre-made commercial raw food meals, plus eggs, some organ foods such as liver/kidney/spleen/trachea/giblets etc and a little crushed, mashed or pureed vegetable/salad/edible herbs.

Use the percentage of each food group to balance the diet over the month.
Use supplements as per guidelines.
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