

🐾 Boerboel Puppy Feeding Suggestions 🐾

It is important to keep your Boerboel puppy lean and on the right track. We are not opposed to raw feeding however that is not something we proclaim to have a bunch of knowledge about. If you would like to feed BARF/RAW we would refer you elsewhere for more information. It is of the utmost importance when feeding a growing Boerboel to pay attention to the calcium, phosphorus, and protein. With the protein being lower on the priority list:

- ❖ Calcium, approx. 1.0-1.2%
- ❖ Phosphorous, approx. 0.8-1.0%
- ❖ Protein around 23%



You will find that not all bags of kibble will have the calcium and phosphorous listed. That is when someone must call the manufacturer and ask them. Be sure to get the minimum and maximum. We do not mind helping you at all. Proper nutrition is crucial to your puppies' joint health.

Here is a list of some foods with reasonable protein, calcium, and phosphorus amounts:

- ❖ Next Level Chicken & Brown Rice 24% protein
- ❖ Next Level Salmon & Rice Skin & Coat 24% protein
- ❖ Next Level Ocean Catch Skin & Coat 24% protein
- ❖ Next Level Lamb & Brown Rice 24% protein
- ❖ SPORTSMIX Wholesomes (Large Breed) 23.0% protein, 1.0% calcium, and 0.80% phos.
- ❖ Diamond Grain Free Whitefish and Potato 24.5% protein, 1.0% calcium and 0.8% phos.
- ❖ Fromm Large Breed Puppy 25% protein, 1.2% calcium, 1.0% phos.
- ❖ Innova Large Breed Puppy 24% protein, 0.9% calcium, 0.7% phos.
- ❖ Wellness Super 5 Mix Complete Health 22% protein, 1.2% calcium, 0.9% phos.
- ❖ Pride Pro series 21/17 21% protein, 1.2% calcium and 0.8% phos.

We have listed the brand and specific flavor variety. Other flavor varieties (meat flavors etc. not listed) may not have the appropriate values. Please keep in mind that not every food will work perfectly for every puppy. You should not mix or switch foods around. Keep an eye out for skin irritations which could signify an allergy. If you notice any irregularities in your puppy's growth, please notify us right away. One thing to closely watch is his/her front pasterns (wrists). If they develop knots, sway back or turn in/out then please take a picture and send it to us. The nutritional values are what were listed at the time of inquiry. It is up to you to note any changes with the food; you choose to feed your puppy.

Do not go stocking up on puppy food... We **STRONGLY** recommend switching your puppy to a high-quality Adult/ALS (All-Life-Stages) (large/giant breed formula) dog food at **12 weeks old**. We recommend Next Level All Life Stages dog food and NuVet vitamins. Anything over 26% protein is absolutely HORRIBLE in the first year, as it can cause severe skeletal development issues with certain bloodlines. We feed 24% Adult from **12 weeks** on and strongly recommend it.

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Transitioning your Boerboel Puppy to New Food

If you have a puppy that is under 6 months of age, you should make the feeding transition quickly so as **not to disrupt their growth patterns**. This should be done in **3 meals or less** using a high-quality line of food. We like the Nature's Domain (Costco or Sams Club) or Purina Pro Plan formula, each support growth very well.

Puppies: Start with 50% old food and 50% new food and sprinkle your Probiotics on top of the food to smooth transition. The Probiotics can be **NuVet Plus** or Purina FortiFlora Probiotics. **And make the transition over by the third or fourth meal.**

Adults: start with 25% new and 75% old food and use probiotics (**NuVet Plus**) but take 2-3 days to move over to new food totally.



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Important Puppy Facts

Why should your puppy be taking NuVet Plus Immune Support supplements?

When puppies nurse, they rely on their mother's milk for the antibodies they need to fight off bacteria and toxins. Once the puppy is weaned and is eating on its own, it is no longer getting the antibodies from mom's milk which makes it more difficult for the body's natural defenses to fight off anything harmful.

By 8 weeks your puppy's immune system is at a vulnerable point. Once in their new home, the immune system is weakened by the stress of adoption and exposure to novel bacteria and free radicals in their environment. NuVet Plus fills the immunity gap all puppies experience.

A strong immune system will protect them from environmental sensitivities such as backyard pesticides, hormones, and so much more. Also, studies have shown that when puppies receive antioxidant supplements, the immune response to vaccinations can dramatically improve.

NuVet Plus is not just a vitamin. It's an immune support supplement with a precise balance of antioxidants, amino acids, vitamins, minerals, omega fatty acids, herbs, and it tastes great.

NuVet Plus is fantastic for the health and development of your puppy!

- Helps support your puppy's developing immune system
- Provides nutrients for proper growth
- Helps fortify bone structure
- Supports proper development of the digestive system
- Supports nervous and cardiovascular systems
- Promotes healthy skin and a thick, shiny coat

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Important Facts

1. **NuVet Plus helps to fill the nutritional void** that exists in virtually all pets. Even the highest quality dog foods are cooked, and as a result, the heat from cooking kills much of the nutrients. NuVet Plus is cold processed allowing the ingredient's rich nutrients to remain.
2. **NuVet Plus is a full spectrum immune system builder**; not just a vitamin. It's filled with synergistic blend of anti-oxidants, amino acids, enzymes, vitamins, minerals and more designed to promote healthy cells and to help the pet's immune system at its peak.
3. **Natural**; no artificial flavors, artificial fillers, artificial binders, or grains. This gives it superior absorption and utilization in the body, allowing the ingredients to be more effectively absorbed through the cellular walls. Healthy cells = healthy pets!
4. **Manufactured in the USA** in an FDA registered, human pharmaceutical laboratory; almost unheard of in the pet food or pet supplement industry. This assures the very highest quality, potency and purity. In other words, what you see on the label is what you actually get. Studies have shown that products manufactured with less controls, don't always provide what it says on the label.
5. **Highest quality ingredients**. So called "animal or feed grade" allows for a manufacturer to include by-products, chemicals, fillers and meats from dying or diseased animals; something NuVet Labs would never allow or condone.
6. **Perfect for outwardly healthy dogs**. By keeping the immune system functioning at peak performance the pet is better equipped to stay healthy. For puppies and kittens, it helps to boost their still maturing immune system - critically important! Note: A pet that appears healthy may not be. Taking NuVet plus daily can help eliminate this potentially dangerous situation.
7. **NuVet Plus can help** the animal deal with environmental conditions, including pollutants in the air, pesticides and more. The powerful antioxidants found in NuVet plus can help combat the free radicals resulting from the environment.
8. **Safe!** It's virtually 100% water soluble and food based, making it almost impossible for a pet to overdose. It's also safe to take with medications.
9. **NuVet and NuJoint Plus really works!** We invite you to view the testimonials, found on our webpage www.nuvet.com