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“What’s in a Name?”



Labrador Retrievers

Are purebred dogs more your cup of tea? Perhaps a mixed breed pup from a rescue is your style. Maybe allergies are a constraint in selecting the perfect dog for your household, so a

hypoallergenic dog might suit your family best. Then, there are the more “designer mixes” that combine different pedigree breeds together. With creative names like Cockapoo, Puggle, Cavachon, they come from 2 purebred parents of different breeds. Given your tastes and preferences, finding the right pet for you and your family can make all the difference in the world!



Chiweenie

The **American Kennel Club** is the largest registry of purebred pedigree dogs in the U.S. Founded in 1884, the AKC has been ranking popular breeds each year ever since.

The top 10 most popular dog breeds in the U.S.

for 2017 include:

- 1. Labrador Retriever** – Has held #1 spot for longer than any other breed since the AKC began.
- 2. German Shepherd** – Officially recognized in 1908.



French Bulldog

3. Golden Retriever

4. French Bulldog

– Rising in popularity from 76th place to 4th in just 20 years.

5. Bulldog

6. Beagle – Has made top 10 list every decade since recognized in 1885.

7. Poodle

8. Rottweiler – Among the earliest police and military dogs, descendants of Roman herding dogs.

9. Yorkshire Terriers

10. German Shorthaired Pointers



German Shorthaired Pointer

As for mixed breed dogs, by definition, do not belong to one officially recognized breed and are not the result of intentional breeding. They are often adopted out from rescue organizations and shelters. Mixed breed dogs may tend to favor attributes of one breed over another, thus they can generically be called a Shepherd mix, Lab mix or Heeler mix, for example.



Goldendoodle

Hypoallergenic breeds do not shed or shed very little. Regular baths are strongly encouraged to remove dander and other potential irritants. However, it’s important to note that there is no such thing as a **completely** hypoallergenic dog since the dog’s saliva and skin can still cause an allergic reaction in sensitive people. Poodles, Terriers, Havanese and Vizslas are just several examples of hypoallergenic dogs.

Don't forget our feline friends!!



Maine Coon Cat

The **Cat Fanciers' Association** is a non-profit organization founded in 1906. With 42 official cat breeds, the CFA has registered over 2 million pedigreed cats to date! It is important to note that the vast majority of cats are NOT purebreds, but rather considered Domestic Short, Medium or



Abyssinian

Longhair cats. Naturally, feline purebreds do mate with domestic cats, resulting in mixed feline breeds.

The top 10 cat breeds of 2017 include:

1. Exotic Shorthair
2. Ragdoll
3. British Shorthair
4. Persian
5. Maine Coon Cat
6. American Shorthair
7. Scottish Fold Cat
8. Sphynx
9. Devon Rex
10. Abyssinian



Sphynx



Exotic Shorthair

Puppy and Kitten Nutrition 101

Congratulations on the addition of your new furry friend! Providing your puppy or kitten with the proper nutrition right from the start is an important step in their development. Here are some commonly asked questions regarding your little one's diet as they grow and mature.

***Do puppies and kittens need a special diet for development?**

Due to the rapid development in their bones, joints, internal organs, and immune systems, puppy and kitten diets are designed specifically to meet these nutritional needs. Special developmental diets contain more protein plus vitamins and minerals to help build a strong and healthy body.

***Can I give my adult dog/cat the same diet as my puppy/kitten?**

Ideally no. The nutritional needs for adult animals can be very different from that of a maturing puppy or kitten. There is also the potential for unnecessary weight gain due to the increased protein and fats in puppy/kitten diets. Generally, mature animals no longer need to "bulk up" with additional calories and nutrients.

***At what age should I switch my puppy/kitten to an adult diet?**

Around 1 year old is an optimal age to change to an adult diet. A diet change may be recommended sooner by your veterinarian depending on the particular needs of your pet. Gradual tapering off the old food onto the new food will help alleviate GI upset.

***Is it normal for my puppy/kitten to always want to eat?**

Rapid growth and high energy levels can definitely increase a puppy or kitten's appetite. Plus they are still learning the ropes when it comes to schedules, training and feedings. Eating may seem like a fun activity at that moment, whether they are actually hungry or not. Generally puppies and kittens need to eat smaller, more frequent meals. The recommended amount of food per day depends on each individual pet's needs and specific diet type. There should also be a breakdown of serving amounts based on your pet's ideal weight on each bag of food as a reference. Feel free to ask us any questions if you are uncertain on the amount of food your little one should be getting per day.

***Should I give dry kibble or wet food?**

Starting out, your pet's preference will determine which direction to go. Some pets prefer a combination of wet and dry food, while others favor one over the other. Veterinarians may recommend puppies primarily stick to dry kibble, while kittens may eat both wet and dry food. Finding what best suits your new furry companion can certainly be overwhelming at times with so many choices on the market. Generally speaking, the higher cost diets are made with better quality ingredients. It is recommended that pet food be purchased from a pet store instead of a grocery store or discount store.

***My puppy/kitten doesn't seem interested in eating anymore. Is it the food?**

There can be many variables as to why your young pet is experiencing inappetence. Distractions during feedings, dislike of food's taste or texture, lull in a growth spurts and separation anxiety (puppy or kitten doesn't seem to eat unless owners are home) are some of the potential reasons why your furry companion may not be chowing down. Check for any vomiting, diarrhea, lack of bowel movements or lethargy. There may be other medical causes for your pet's inappetence beyond diet.

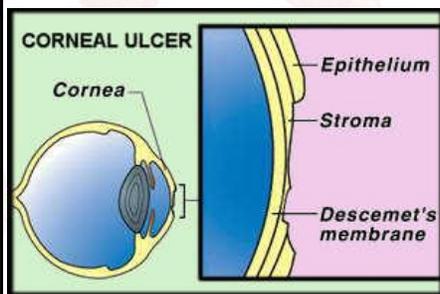
Countryside's Superstar

DOSO



Meet Doso! Not only is this spry 13 year old poodle mix a strong little guy, he's also quite the charmer. Doso loves to "bask in the sun on the patio, camp, paddle board and be with the fam," according to his owners Steph and Mike. He's a wonderful brother to his doggie sisters, Joey and Sami, as well as being a great guard dog keeping watch over the house and his family. His owners explain that Doso has always been "the toughest, yet smallest in our pack."

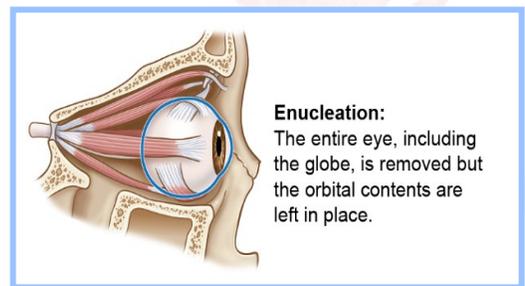
In March of 2018, Doso was attacked by another dog on a walk in their neighborhood. Sadly, Doso was grabbed by the face and pulled toward the fence. Seen immediately at the Fort Collins Veterinary Emergency and Rehabilitation Hospital, Doso suffered major oral trauma and facial lacerations resulting in two surgeries. In addition, a corneal ulcer quickly developed in his left eye.



The severity of the corneal ulcer and its later rupture ultimately lead to enucleation, which is the surgical removal of the eye.

Doso's left eye removal was performed at Countryside Animal Hospital in April 2018.

Doso not only healed remarkably, but hasn't let having only



one eye slow him down! Countryside's TLC fund helped Doso's family with some of the costs of the eye surgery.

According to his owners, "Doso was instantly feeling better and barely missed a beat. He never hesitated to walk by the house (across the street now of course), never got grumpy or intimidated by anything and is still the toughest guy in the house. He's learned to navigate very well. He has to take stairs, doggy doors and jumps at the perfect angle but does it well. We try to stay on his right side while walking and when giving him treats. He's been such a good dog throughout the entire struggle. It's amazing!"

Way to go little man!!!



Pumpkin Pie Cookies For Dogs and Cats

2 cups rice flour
1/2 cup oatmeal
1 cup canned pumpkin
1 cup grated carrots
1/2 cup unsweetened plain applesauce
1/4 flour for rolling



- In a food processor blend carrots, applesauce and pumpkin until smooth.
- Mix rice flour and oatmeal in a bowl.
- Add wet ingredients to the dry and mix gently until dough forms.
- On a floured breadboard place dough and roll out to about 1/4 inch in thickness.
- Use cookie cutter to cut out little cookies.
- Place cookies on a greased cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for seven minutes.
- Flip treats over and cook for five more minutes. Remove from oven and cool thoroughly.

The Happy Vet Visit

Your pet's not a big fan of coming to the vet?



It is very common for pets to be more cautious or nervous when seeing their veterinarian, but for some it can be too overwhelming or distressing. In those cases, we encourage the “happy” vet visit.

As a way to get your furry companion more adjusted to coming to the vet, feel free to stop by for a **treat**, a **snuggle**, or a **weight check**. This also gives your pet the chance to get used to the sounds and smells of the hospital, along with meeting the Countryside staff without the stress of an exam. By creating a positive and welcoming environment for your pet, anxiety levels may diminish over time.

We hope to see you soon!

**DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR PICTURES FOR THE
2019 COUNTRYSIDE CALENDAR!**

**Please email your pictures to calendar@countrysidevet.com
by October 20th.**

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