

We feed Eukanuba Puppy Small Bites. IAMS is a little more readily available [Wal Mart and grocery stores]. Eukanuba is the more expensive and they are both made by the same company. Eukanuba has higher levels of Omega 3 fatty acid. The adult maintenance food has a special tartar control ingredient in it with either brand.

Since Yorkies and poodles often have bad teeth or at least they can get tartared up fairly easily this is a definitely a consideration in using an IAMS product especially with an adult.

The puppy food does not contain the tartar ingredient I suppose because puppies will be losing their baby teeth and it is not as important, therefore, to maintain them.

However, Eukanuba Puppy Small Bite puppy food would have a higher lever of Omega 3 fatty acid and Eukanuba claims that this makes smarter or at least more easily trained dogs and cites maze studies to prove it.

We have been happy with Eukanuba but understand that you may have a preference for something else. If you do we recommend waiting until at least 2 weeks after you bring your puppy home. Mix in the new food gradually and be sure to use a high quality [usually means more expensive] puppy food for the first year when the puppy is still growing. Science Diet, Purina One, Purina Pro Plan, Flint River, Solid Gold would be among other quality foods.

If your new puppy doesn't seem to be eating enough try the following:

1. Shake a little Parmeson cheese as a seasoning over the top of the puppy food. Most puppies just love smelly cheese but shouldn't have much dairy as it also has a laxative effect but a little Parmeson won't hurt.

- 2, Pour boiling water over the puppy food, making mush, cooling and serving. Soft food is best used only until the puppy is well started. Discontinue when the pup readily eats the dry kibble as soft food is hard on the teeth and also tends to spoil the puppy.

3. Mixed in a little canned food such as Pedigree Puppy Chunky [chunky mixes in better than regular] Chicken or Pedigree Puppy Chunky Lamb and Rice. Again, use just until the puppy is well started.

For treats we recommend:

OI ' Roy Beef Jerky Strips [available at Wal Mart for about \$5 for about 100 in small round red container like a small coffee can]. These are great to stick in your pocket and break off a little piece and use as a reward.

Greenies

large rawhide " bones"

pigs' ears [for older pups, and supervised to ensure no choking]

large beef bones [if your dog doesn't sliver them which could necessitate veterinary treatment]

All other bones should be avoided unless a vet tells you different. Occasionally, certain steak bones or oxtail bones have been used but I think they can also be unsafe.

Avoid any treat/ toy that can be torn in little pieces or present a choking hazard. Remove bits and ends so that your puppy won't choke on them.