

Dog Food Policy

Most dog treats are very high in salt, fat and preservatives. They can be a cause of imbalance in the immature gastrointestinal tract, often resulting in diarrhoea and vomiting in young dogs. In addition, items like rawhides, deer antlers, and bones can cause obstructions in the bowel, and even cause teeth to fracture. As such, not only do many treats cause harm to our pups, but they are a major component of our external veterinary bills.

After much discussion around the impact that these treats have on the immature gastrointestinal tract of our dogs, Guide Dogs NSW/ACT has introduced a Dog Food Policy.

Food types permitted to be fed to our pups and dogs are:

- Advance Puppy/Adult Kibble
- Crocodile and Tapioca Roll
- Cooked Chicken Breast
- Carrot
- Apple

Please note, if the pup/dog is on a recommended Veterinary brand of food, this recommended food is the only type of food that they can be given. i.e. these animals cannot even be fed Cooked Chicken Breast or Apple.

How much can be given?

To ensure that our pups and dogs maintain a healthy body condition score, any food treats given must be taken from their daily feed amount.

These food types are to be used as high value treats, and, ideally only one food type should be fed in any given day.

Food Type	Amount of food type that can be fed per day	Amount of kibble to be removed from daily food ration	Notes
Crocodile and Tapioca Roll	¼ Cup	¼ Cup	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It can be purchased from most retail pet stores.• Must be kept refrigerated.• It can be chopped up and stored in the freezer in zip-lock bags ready for a training session.• Use a permanent marker to date the bags, and store for up to 3 months in the freezer.
Chicken Breast (cooked)	¼ Cup	¼ Cup	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It can be cooked, cooled, chopped up, and then (like the Roll), stored in the freezer for up to 3 months.• Ensure only clean utensils are used for the cooked meat.
Carrot	1 Carrot	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It can be chopped up and used as training treats or delivered whole as an enrichment item.
Apple	½ Apple	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It can be chopped up and used as training treats or put in enrichment items like Kongs™.