**Connecticut Humane Society**

**Feeding of Foster Animals**

Thanks to a generous shelter support program from Hills, CHS feeds all cats and dogs through the Hills Science Diet shelter feeding program. In order to maintain a consistent diet, we ask that you only change a pets feeding protocol once you have received permission from your foster coordinator.

 **Water**Fresh water must be available at all times and changed daily for all CHS foster pets.

**CAT / KITTEN**

**Adolescent and Adult Cat Feeding**

Adolescent and adult cats are fed ¼ cup of dry food twice daily.

**Kitten Feeding**

Weaned kittens between 4-6 weeks of age should be given ¼ cup of kibble per kitten twice a day, which should be left out for them to consume throughout the day. They should also be offered 1-2 tablespoons of wet food 3-4 times daily.

Kittens between 6-8 weeks are fed ¼ cup of kitten kibble twice a day, plus ¼ can of wet food twice daily.

**Pregnant or Nursing Cat Feeding**

Pregnant and nursing cats will be fed 1/2 cup of dry kitten food three times a day as well as receiving 1 tablespoon of canned kitten food 1-2 times a day as necessary. In late pregnancy (last 2 weeks) and early nursing (first 2 weeks), dry food should be available at all times.

**DOGS / PUPPIES / PREGNANT OR NURSING DOGS**

**Adolescent and Adult Dog Feeding**

Adult dogs are fed twice daily. Please follow the table below for cup quantities of food per dog by weight. Adult dogs may be offered wet food only at the direction of the foster care coordinator.

**Adolescent and Adult Dog Feeding**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Weight of Dogs 1yr + | Cups of Food per Feeding |
| 5 # | ¼  |
| 10 # | ½  |
| 20 # | ¾  |
| 40 # | 1 ¼  |
| 60 # | 1 ¾  |
| 80 # | 2 ¼  |
| 100# | 3 |

**Puppy Feeding**

Puppies are fed 3 times per day. Please follow the table below for cup quantities of food per dog by weight. Puppies can also be given 1-2 tablespoons of wet food per meal.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Cups of Food per Feeding |
| Weight of Puppy | <4 months  | 4-9 months  | 10-12 months  |
| 2 # | ¼  | ¼ | ¼ |
| 5 # | ½  | ½ | 1/3 |
| 8 # | ¾  | 2/3 | ½ |
| 10 # | 1 | ¾  | 2/3 |
| 20 # | 1 ½  | 1 1/3 | 1 |
| 40 # | 2 ½  | 2 ¼  | 1 ¾  |

**Pregnant or Nursing Dog Feeding**

Pregnant and Nursing Dogs are fed 3 times per day. Please follow the table below for cup quantities of food per dog by weight. Pregnant and nursing dogs are also given 1-2 tablespoons of wet food per meal.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Weight of Pregnant or Nursing Dog | Cups of Food per Feeding |
| 2 # | ¼  |
| 5 # | ½  |
| 8 # | ¾  |
| 10 # | 1 |
| 20 # | 1 ½  |
| 40 # | 2 ½  |
| 60 # | 3 ½  |
| 80 # | 4 1/3  |
| 100 # | 5 ¼  |

**Animals Requiring a Special Diet**

In some instances, animals may be placed on a restricted diet due to medical or behavioral needs. Unless specific feeding guidelines are noted on the foster receipt, animals requiring a special diet are fed the prescribed diet at the same frequencies and quantities identified above.

**Animals Not Eating/Picky Eaters**

If your foster animal has been eating well and suddenly stops eating, notify your foster care contact at the shelter. Animals who have been picky eaters or who have refused to eat since arrival should also be brought to the attention of your foster coordinator.