

## **An Example Of A Diet / Information Sheet Provided By A Registered Breeder.**

(This information is NOT meant to replace the specific diet instructions provided by YOUR puppies breeder it is a only a guide.)

Pups are fed 3 small meals a day up until 12 weeks of age where they are then fed 2 times daily until 12 months.

Pups are fed on a commercial premium dry food such as:

Eagle Pack large breed puppy, Pro plan large breed puppy, Science diet large breed puppy or Eukanuba large breed puppy.

They have mixed through the dry food at the recommended feeding dose according to the manufacturer (on the back of the bag) chicken NECK mince for 1 meal & beef or lamb mince for the others.

Please make sure all meat has been frozen & then thawed prior to use, you can give a couple of tablespoons per day of natural yogurt on top of one of the meals.

You can give a multi vitamin tablet per day use there are a number of dog multi vitamins available ask your veterinarian which one they recommend.

NEVER feed any bones cooked or otherwise with the exception of a raw beef marrow bone split in half, do not leave these bones with dog unattended they are a choking hazard & no matter how good natured you think your dog is he may get possessive over the bone.

Never give calcium or other mineral supplements with out a confirming blood test that proves they are deficient in the mineral.

Table scraps (meat veg) are ok as treats not meal replacements. Some foods are a definite no as dogs can get very sick or even allergic to some human foods e.g. chocolate.

Pups are not covered fully by the 6 weeks vaccination as it is a temporary one.

Two weeks after the second vaccinations given at 12 weeks (approx) they are fully covered.....this mean puppy stays in your yard until this time!!

Speak to your vet about heart worm & intestinal worming at this vet check.

We use Alloveen for sensitive skin shampoo for washing our dogs in, it is available from your vet.

Bullmastiffs are a dominant breed so you need to understand that what is cute at 8 weeks is dangerous at 2 years. Here are some common sense rules to bring your pup up with.

As for children you must be consistent.

All humans must be understood by the dog to be higher in the pack than they are this is achieved in various ways.....

Do take your pup to obedience, make him learn what sit and stay mean and get him to do this with all members of the household.

Never let him up on the furniture no dog should ever have their eye level higher than yours.

Do not let the pup rush in front of people to get in the door first make him sit & wait.

Never hand feed the pup unless he has been made to sit first & never feed him from where you are eating always after you have finished.

NO jumping up on any person or child.

Dogs like humans do require their own space it is essential that they have this provided in the way of a pen & kennel or similar area (definitely not a chain!!!) that they can be put for their own safe area that is off limits to anyone except those in charge of the dog, this way kids can run screaming SAFELY around your back yard.

Do not leave them unattended in a car even on a 20 degree day with the windows slightly down as they will over heat.

Get a pet crate or puppy pen (cheap as chips the warehouse sell them) big enough so they have their own secure area that they can be left with a bowl of water and news paper/bedding

Most accidents happen when you encroach on a dogs space suddenly or the dog thinks someone is a threat to its own people, situations like this are easily avoided with a secured area for the dog to be.

Be aware that large breed pups grow awkwardly and are at risk of joint damage from over exercise, impacts like jumping up & down from a car or stairs .

Please keep in mind that in these days of anti dog sentiment that you need to do your part to make sure your dog is a good canine citizen, it is not wise to have dogs off lead dogs in public areas they can be a dog aggressive breed & most problems start when other smaller dogs show aggression you need to be always aware that the larger dog will get the blame so keep them on a lead & under control at all times.