



FEEDING YOUR BASSET HOUND

1. Never feed your basset once a day. They are dwarf large breed dogs and have deep chests – a combination of both creates a susceptibility to bloat. We recommend approximately 1 to 1 ½ cups in the morning and 1 to 1 ½ cups in the evening. The amounts shown on most bags and cans of dog food are usually too much to feed the hound. Add in 2 tablespoons of canned food to moisten the dry.
2. Multiple dogs should always be fed separate and apart. The tendency towards food aggression can intensify even when the dogs see you preparing the meal, so train your hound to go into its crate by tossing treats in. (Always make the crate a good place to be, not for punishment.)
3. We have found the following foods to be the best for the basset breed. These dogs can have food allergies to wheat, corn, and chicken, so we usually recommend a lamb, venison, or duck version of these commercial dog foods.
 - a. Nutro Natural Choice, Lamb Meal & Rice (found in any pet store)
 - b. Wellness Super5Mix (Lamb version) – check the Old Mother Hubbard website for a store near you that carries their Wellness brand.
 - c. Solid Gold
 - d. California Natural
 - e. Innova
 - f. Dick van Patten's Natural Balance
 - g. Newman's Own
 - h. Blue (by Blue Buffalo Co.)
 - i. Merrick

Be sure to check the ingredients of your commercial dog treats as well for ingredients that your hound may be allergic to – many times people will defeat the whole purpose of the healthy diet by giving their hounds “junk” treats. Please also check the current FDA recall list for updates.

Our general rule of thumb is: If you can buy it in a grocery store, DON'T !!!

DO NOT FEED OR GIVE YOUR DOG:

- Onions (watch out for onion powder on the food as well)
- Chocolate
- Grapes
- Raisins
- Bones (other than marrow bones, and even then watch for splintering)
- Rawhide

Alternate treats:

- Carrots
- Green beans
- Fresh fruit, such as melons, bananas, apples