

Daily Watering Recommendations for a New Puppy.

How Much Water should I be setting out for my Old English Mastiff?

Mastiff pups 8 weeks to 6 years old can consume as much as a **5 gallons** bucket of water in a 24 hour period of time, with ease. I know sounds like a lot, and they don't always consume that much, but it should be made available. Don't forget to rinse the slime out daily and preferable Bleach every other day to keep fresh & bacteria free, as can be. Remember any time you use bleach/water mix, weather 50/50 bleach with water and squirt of dish soap for premises or 20/80 for feed and water pales

ALWAYS RINSE 3 TIMES to make sure there is no bleach film left.

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Flatback Bucket

How will my puppy react to the water change? Our puppies here, are on well water and feed back shows, we see a bit more stool change with city waters, with the chemicals in them then we do wells. Possible diarrhea and if not monitored closely, and dealt with, could resort to dehydration or urinary tract infection or worse If not drinking 3 gallons a day. This is why I send Sulfa/Tri with you when puppy comes home.

Daily Feeding Recommendations for your New Puppy

Common Myth: When your child is going through a growth spurt, do you take away their meat and vegetables'? Of course not! That's just as unthinkable, as the people passing this **rumor** around to keep food from your large breed dogs so they grow slower. **This is neglect, CRUEL & INHUMANE!** Retracting activity levels to avoid injury to your delicate tendons and ligaments and offering all the food they want to eat, **of the correct foods**, is far wiser to avoid stunting growth, to the longevity of the dog. With this diet, we are getting 15 to 18 years of age with good healthy active stock.

Recipe:

Iams large breed puppy food 3# (coffee can) equals 9 cups at minimum a day. Dry free food available at all time is best, however that does not mean they are actually eating. Especially if stressed by the growth spurt, change in routine, environment or people and animals they encounter, anything new, can cause stress, resulting in not eating despite availability, to it at all times. Always best to measure and document at end of day what they actually ate. Things we do here to ensure they get that minimum 6 to 9 cups pending age and situation, breeding pairs, females in heat, nursing mothers and pups through 6 years old during their 3 week growth spurt every 3 months from their date of birth.

Added things, per dog, 1 cup each

Meats –1 cup beef, chicken, pork, deer, or buffalo cooked

Rice -1 to 3 cups cooked rice

Vegetables- broccoli, carrots, green beans, peas, corn, &/or sweat potatoes

1 egg

no pastas or breads potatoes other than sweat potatoes.

Do not feed table scraps or anything else except at feeding time

to avoid bad manners.

For just one dog you may choose to Cook, Bag & Freeze up in Dailey portions a bulk amount once a week for that 3 week growth spurt.

1 week recipes; makes 2 cups a day for 7 days to add to their dog food

3# Bag of Rice,

1 pound of a meat (beef, chicken, pork, deer, tuna, salmon or buffalo cooked)

Bag of frozen or 2 cans of Peas, Fresh is always best if available

Bag of frozen or 2 cans carrots, Fresh is always best if available

Bag of frozen or 2 cans green beans, Fresh is always best if available

Bag of frozen or 2 cans crème corn, Fresh is always best if available

1 (one) large can or 2 to 4 sweat potatoes,

4 eggs

Cook meat and rice separate until done then in stew pot add remaining ingredients'. Scoop out into zip lock bags in daily portions, About 2 cups and freeze. Makes a weeks worth of 2 cups a day ad ins, to insure they get all they need for those 3 week growth spurts this has proven effective.

Other ideas to entice eating which also keeps good healthy coats, encourages drinking plenty of water.

Make just a glaze to entice eating, without making **Cook, Bag & Freeze** up.

Once a week 1 (one) egg and 1 (one) Tablespoon of bacon grease with 1 cup hot water make nice glaze. Bacon grease in excess can cause diarrhea, so no more than 1 Tablespoon a week. Also Eggs in excess, can cause really stinky farts, this can also be an indicator that they are not digesting their food well.

Crème of Chicken soup is high sodium which encourages drinking water, 1 (one) can will last a week if you use 2 Tablespoons with 2 cups hot water per every 9 cups, Great glaze they never turn away. Don't forget to refrigerate remainder in something other than the can.

Note; Dog food will spoil after 24 hours if wet at all.

Growth Spurt indicators other than by the date, 1 and ½ weeks before and 1 and ½ weeks after your dogs 3 months mark, from its date of birth, until they are 6 years old, they will have a total of 3 weeks, every 3 months of significant growth.

Example (for 3 weeks every 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 24, 27 months until 6 years old)

Hips taller than Shoulders

Visible Prominent knot in back of the head

Weak ankles' and knees (rubber leg) with too much activity

Extremely lean, often not eating, even when free food offered, due to the stress and pain of such quick growing. Best to offer one hot meal a day to ensure they are getting 6 to 9 cups a day during this time they likely will come off the food even if its offered free to them at all times.

With this feeding plan, experimented with for 17 years, we are raising some of the largest, conformationally correct, healthy, great tempered, longest living Old English Mastiffs in the world. Best of Luck with your new addition 😊