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Proper nutrition is the foundation for your Pomeranian puppy's growth, development, and lifelong health. A balanced diet helps support steady energy, strong bones, a healthy coat, and a resilient immune system during these early months. This guide covers feeding schedules, portion recommendations, healthy treats, food transitions, hydration needs, and building healthy eating habits from the start.

Choosing the Right Food

- Select a small breed puppy formula made for tiny mouths and fast-growing bodies.
- Look for real meat as the first ingredient so protein quality stays high.
- Avoid fillers, artificial colors, and by-products that add little nutrition.
- Choose small kibble that is easy for your puppy to chew and digest.
- Prefer food with higher calorie density to support a small breed metabolism.
- Ask your breeder for food recommendations based on what your puppy is already eating.
- Consider your puppy's age, activity level, and sensitivity when selecting a formula.
- Transition slowly from the breeder's food to help avoid stomach upset.

Feeding Schedule by Age

Age	Meals Per Day	Portion Size	Notes
8-12 weeks	4 meals	1/4 cup per meal	Frequent small meals prevent hypoglycemia.
3-6 months	3-4 meals	1/4-1/3 cup per meal	Growth phase needs consistent nutrition.
6-12 months	2-3 meals	1/3-1/2 cup per meal	Transitioning to an adult feeding schedule.
12+ months	2 meals	Follow adult portions	Maintain a steady routine.
Adjust as needed	Based on activity	Based on body condition	Modify portions for activity level and body condition.

Portion Recommendations & Weight Management

- Use the food package guidelines as a starting point, then fine-tune for your puppy.
- Adjust portions based on each puppy's body condition, growth, and activity level.
- You should be able to feel the ribs but not see them clearly under a healthy coat.
- Pomeranians are prone to obesity, so keeping portions precise matters.
- Weigh your puppy regularly to track growth and catch changes early.
- Avoid overfeeding even when your puppy begs or seems extra hungry.
- Small breeds need precise portions because even tiny extras can add up quickly.
- Consult your veterinarian if you are concerned about weight gain or slow growth.

Healthy Treats & Snacks

- Treats should be no more than 10% of daily calories to keep the diet balanced.
- Choose small, low-calorie training treats that fit a Pom-sized mouth.
- Healthy options include tiny pieces of chicken, carrots, blueberries, and green beans.
- Avoid toxic foods such as chocolate, grapes, onions, and xylitol.
- Use treats for training and bonding, not as a substitute for balanced meals.
- Break treats into tiny pieces so rewards stay appropriate for small-breed portions.
- Avoid table scraps and human food that can upset digestion or encourage begging.

Food Transitions

- Always transition food gradually over 7-10 days to protect your puppy's stomach.
- Start with 75% old food and 25% new food for the first few days.
- Slowly increase the new food proportion while reducing the old food.
- Watch for digestive upset such as vomiting, diarrhea, or gas.

- Sudden changes can cause stomach issues, so keep the transition slow and steady.
- If problems occur, slow down the transition and give the digestive system more time.

Hydration Essentials

- Keep fresh, clean water available at all times.
- Change the water daily and more often if it becomes dirty.
- Small breeds can dehydrate quickly, especially in hot weather or after play.
- Use shallow bowls for easy access and encourage drinking after meals and activity.
- Watch for signs of dehydration such as dry gums and lethargy.

Building Healthy Eating Habits

Establish consistent meal times and feed your puppy in the same location each day. Remove uneaten food after 15-20 minutes to prevent grazing and encourage a healthy routine. A calm, quiet feeding environment helps your puppy feel secure, while consistency also reduces picky eating. Positive mealtime experiences from the start create the foundation for lifelong healthy habits.

Foods to Avoid

- Chocolate is toxic to dogs and should never be offered.
- Grapes and raisins can cause kidney damage.
- Onions and garlic can damage red blood cells.
- Xylitol artificial sweetener is life-threatening for dogs.
- Avocado can be toxic and should be avoided.
- Macadamia nuts may cause neurological issues and weakness.
- Alcohol and caffeine are dangerous and should never be shared.
- Raw dough can expand in the stomach and cause serious problems.
- Cooked bones are a choking hazard and can splinter.
- High-fat or spicy foods can upset digestion and trigger illness.