

## Feeding Guidelines - Post Breeding to Whelp

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Use the table below for feeding amount post-breeding to lactation. This Feeding Table pertains to all breeders regardless of ideal weight.

| STAGE                  | Feeding Amount (Eukanuba Premium)                      |
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| Breeding to ultrasound | 1 cup twice a day (unless instructed otherwise by CCI) |
| Ultrasound to Whelp    |  |
| Days 1-5               | 1 ¼ cups twice a day                                   |
| Days 6-10              | 1 ½ cups twice a day                                   |
| Days 11-15             | 1 ¾ cups twice a day                                   |
| Days 16-20             | 2 cups twice a day or 1 1/3 cups 3 times a day         |
| Days 21 to whelp       | 2 ¼ cups twice a day or 1 ½ cups 3 times a day         |

## Feeding Guidelines - (whelp to weaning)

Feeding of your female after whelp is very important to the health and well being of the mom and the pups. Each female is different so the amount of food needed will need to be adjusted based on your CCI breeder's specific nutritional needs and eating habits.

The following table provides a range of feeding amounts that you will likely need to feed your female after whelp. The goal is to provide sufficient food so the female has a healthy body weight and produces enough milk to satisfy her pups. Start feeding the lesser amount for each stage of lactation and increase as needed or if needed. Do not worry about keeping your dog at an ideal weight while she is nursing her pups. Additional weight is better than not enough weight. Any weight gain can be lost later after she is done nursing her pups.

You will notice that on day 29 of lactation the amount of food given to the female drops off significantly. This is because you are starting the pups on solid food and weaning the pups off of mom. The lesser amount of food will cause mom to produce less milk. You may find that you can reduce the amount of food more significantly than shown in the table to dry her up more quickly.

| STAGE                  | Litter Size | Feeding amount                                      |
|------------------------|-------------|---|
| Lactation<br>Days 1-7  | ≤ 4 pups    | 1 1/3 cups 3 times a day up to 2 cups 3 times a day |
|                        | 5 to 7 pups | 1 ½ cups 3 times a day up to 2 ¼ cups 3 x a day     |
|                        | 8-9 pups    | 1 2/3 cups 3 times a day up to 2 ½ cups 3 x a day   |
|                        | ≥ 10 pups   | 1 ¾ cups 3 times a day up to 2 1/3 cups 3 x a day   |
| Lactation<br>Days 8-14 | ≤ 4 pups    | 1 1/3 cups 4 times a day up to 2 cups 3 x a day     |
|                        | 5 to 7 pups | 1 ½ cups 4 times a day up to 2 ¼ cups 3 x a day     |
|                        | 8-9 pups    | 1 2/3 cups 4 times a day up to 2 ½ cups 3 x a day   |

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|                      | ≥ 10 pups   | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups 4 times a day up to 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups 3 x a day   |
| Lactation Days 15-21 | ≤ 4 pups  | 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups 4 times a day up to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups 4 x a day OR<br>1 $\frac{1}{3}$ cups 5 times a day up to 2 cups 5 x a day                       |
|                      | 5 to 7 pups   | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups 4 times a day up to 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups 4 x a day OR<br>1 $\frac{1}{3}$ cups 5 times a day up to 2 cups 5 x a day                       |
|                      | 8-9 pups  | 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ cups 4 times a day up to 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups 4 times a day OR<br>1 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups 5 times a day 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups 5 times a day       |
|                      | ≥ 10 pups   | 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups 4 times a day up to 3 $\frac{1}{3}$ cups 4 times a day OR<br>1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups 5 times a day up to 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups 5 times a day |
| Lactation Days 22-28 | ≤ 4 pups  | 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups 5 times a day up to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups 5 times a day OR<br>1 $\frac{1}{3}$ cups 6 times a day up to 2 cups 6 times a day               |
|                      | 5 to 7 pups   | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups 5 times a day up to 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups 5 times a day OR<br>1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups 6 times a day up to 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups 6 times a day |
|                      | 8-9 pups  | 2 cups 5 times a day up to 3 cups 5 times a day OR<br>1 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups 6 times a day up to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups 6 times a day                             |
|                      | ≥ 10 pups   | 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ cups 5 times a day up to 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups 5 times a day OR<br>1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups 6 times a day up to 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups 6 times a day |
| Lactation Days 29-32 | ≤ 4 pups  | 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups 3 times a day up to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups 3 times a day   |
|                      | 5 to 7 pups   | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups 3 times a day up to 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ cups 3 times a day   |
|                      | 8-9 pups  | 2 cups 3 times a day  |
|                      | ≥ 10 pups   | 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ cups 3 times a day  |
| Lactation Days 33-37 | ≤ 4 pups  | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups 2 times a day  |
|                      | 5 to 7 pups   | 2 cups 2 times a day  |
|                      | 8-9 pups  | 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ cups 2 times a day  |
|                      | ≥ 10 pups   | 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups 2 times a day  |
| Days 38 plus         | At this point you should have mom back on her normal feeding amount. You can now start switching her food from Eukanuba premium back to her regular diet. This is done by gradually decreasing the amount of Premium food and increasing the amount of regular food each day. See the example below which assumes a normal feeding amount of 2 cups food per day. |   |
| Example              | Day 1   | 1 cup premium 2x per day  |
|                      | Day 2   | $\frac{3}{4}$ cup premium + $\frac{1}{4}$ cup regular 2x per day  |
|                      | Day 3   | $\frac{1}{2}$ cup premium + $\frac{1}{2}$ cup regular 2x per day  |
|                      | Day 4   | $\frac{1}{4}$ cup premium + $\frac{3}{4}$ cup regular 2x per day  |
|                      | Day 5   | 1 cup regular food 2 times per day.   |