

Pet Talk

By Alice Scott

If you own a puppy, then nutrition should be first on the list while caring for him.

Proper nutrition is important to a puppy from the day he is born. If the bitch has milk problems or refuses to nurse her puppies, you must make sure they are fed a formula suitable to dogs.

Many people make the mistake of using regular cow's milk, which can cause many digestive problems and diarrhea. If you are faced with the dilemma of raising a litter of puppies, without the mother's help, phone your vet and they will advise you of the correct formula to use.

The first ninety days after weaning is a rapid growth period for your puppy. Therefore the need for a good quality food is important.

Puppies have small stomachs and should be treated in the same way as a newborn child.

A puppy of seven weeks, the ideal age for a puppy to leave its litter, should be fed three meals a day. If you are working, two meals a day is acceptable.

Most breeders provide new owners with a basic diet and will have suggestions for the type of food you should buy. But if you are getting a puppy from your local S.P.C.A. or a friend, you can purchase any well-established puppy food.

Purina Puppy Chow, Science Diet, Iams, and "No-Name" brands are a few of the most commonly used products.

Something else you can look for is any food that has the Canadian Veterinary Association certificate seal showing that the food meets the nutritional standards.

Many No-Name brands carry this seal as well as being economical.

Vegetables, such as raw carrots, are a nutritious snack for your pooch. It is much easier on the puppy's stomach than a steak bone.

Unfortunately, many puppies die every year from chewing on steak, beef, pork or chicken bones.

A puppy should be given only Nylabones, rawhide or non-splintering treated bone available from pet stores.

At six months your puppy can be put on two meals a day and by one year- one meal a day.

Larger breeds, such as labs, should be left on two meals a day. Feeding twice a day helps prevent digestive problems.

Overheard on Elizabeth Street- A young woman was carrying a 3 or 4 year-old child in her arms while walking down the street.

The little girl asked her, "Do you think I'm heavy?"
 "No, you're not heavy," the young woman assured her.
 "Well, I think I'm heavy," the little girl said.
 "Why do you think you're heavy?"
 "Because once I tried to lift myself and I couldn't."

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be in a shaded area but in direct sunlight later on. Never leave a dog tied up in direct sunlight. Ensure the dog has plenty of fresh water. Because the dog's water may be spilled or becomes too warm to drink, ensure that someone regularly replenishes the water in a non-spillable water dish, in that way the dog always has plenty of cool, fresh water to drink.

Animals suffering from heat stroke show some of the following signs: Panting, increased pulse rate, anxious or staring expression, drooling saliva, tongue and lips look red and may take on a bluish color. Vomiting is also common. If the temperature is allowed to continue to

climb, the animal will collapse, go into a coma and die.

In order to prevent this from happening, it is vital to begin immediate treatment. The first step is to remove the dog from the hot surroundings. Next, lower its temperature by applying cold water to the animal's skin. The dog can be immersed, keeping its head above water. If immersing the dog in cold water is not possible, spray it with cold water. Let the dog rest in a cool place with some drinking water. Seek immediate veterinary attention.

Sincerely,
 N. Glenn Perrett
 Publications Co-ordinator
 Ontario Humane Society

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asked for new quotations pointing out that this was a private family enterprise, the price was a hundred thousand dollars lower!

But even a \$400,000 price tag put the project out of reach. Central Mortgage and Housing (CMHC) was not willing to back a mortgage for that price, because the monthly payments at today's high interest rates would mean they'd be paying more than 30% of their income on just the mortgage. That wouldn't leave them enough for food, heat, and all other living costs.

So they went back to drawing board. They decided instead to put in what are called "modular homes". These homes are mass-produced on an assembly line, and delivered to your building lot on a flat bed truck, ready to move into. They come complete with all plumbing, windows, curtains, doors and windows in place, for

only \$30,000. It's real affordable housing. These modular homes are very common in western Canada, especially in the oil patch. They also can be seen in any northern Ontario mining towns, put in quickly to house a new workforce in a boom town.


But when the Barrett sisters went back to Dorion township Council with their new plan, they ran into rural councillors who were afraid to try something new. The official rejection letter from the township council says approving the modular home plan would create "a precedent and other landowners within the municipality could apply for similar development approval. As a result, there would be mini-trailer parks scattered throughout the community." The council reached that conclusion after getting advice from a planner in the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing.

The policy makers in Dorion haven't yet grasped the difference between a junky-looking trailer park and well-built, CMHC approved, factory-made housing.

So the Barrett sisters are at an impasse. They don't have enough money to afford their original plan, even if interest rates come down. They have been told they can't get government assistance to build that kind of housing, because they're incorporated as a family business. They're not out to make a profit, but they can't call themselves a charity either. And they can't put in the much more affordable "modular homes" because of the position of the municipality.

This story is not over. The Reeve of Dorion, Marvin Broughton, says "the council is willing to take another look at this. We're just waiting for the Barretts to come back and talk to us."

I hope they work something out. Our society needs to experiment with all kinds of ways to house ourselves when we reach the age of "retirement". A recent CMHC conference on seniors housing in Toronto was told that it costs over \$2,000 a month to take care of one senior in a government-run warehouse. Having seniors look after themselves sounds a lot more affordable, as well as more humane. I hope the Barrett sisters are allowed to prove, once again, that good ideas are being allowed to flourish in northern Ontario.



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