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Should You Switch Your Dog's Food?



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something with the AAFCO adequacy statement, you'll want to look for something labeled "maintenance" or "all life stages." Be aware that AAFCO does not have guidelines for senior pet food, which your dog may need as they get older. Ask your veterinarian how to make this transition. They have special medical needs If your dog has a medical condition, even if the issue isn't digestive, a prescription food can help. There are diets for numerous types of issues including: Kidney or urinary disease Liver disease Thyroid problems Cardiac health issues Joint pain There are no regulations in place for prescription diets targeted at pets, so make sure you research your options carefully and ask your vet for recommendations. A Final Word - Accounting for Taste If your dog isn't eating, consider medical explanations first. Sure, humans would get bored quickly if they ate the same food multiple times a day, but dogs have fewer taste receptors - only 1,700 as compared to our 9,000. It is possible for dogs to get bored with a certain food, though, so if you're running out of reasons why your dog won't eat, gradually switch it up. As always, consult with your vet first!

How do you make sure your dog is getting the right food? You want it to have the proper nutritional blend, high-quality ingredients, and a taste that your dog enjoys. You need it to be free from harmful elements, including anything that your dog might be allergic to. Trial and Error? First of all, resist the temptation to change up your dog's food regularly, experimenting to see what makes your dog happiest and healthiest. A phenomenon called "food rotation" is sweeping the dog care world, but it's getting mixed reviews. Many vets and food experts are saying that rotating food intentionally - changing up the recipe to give your dog more variety - can lead to digestive upset. Trial is fine but consider what "error" means from a digestive standpoint. It's not something you want to be handling as a dog owner - or something you want to put your furry friend through. Informed transitioning is much safer. What is a good reason to change your dog's food? Change for the sake of change isn't a great idea, but sometimes your dog does need a new food. Why? Their tummy is upset or they're feeling itchy Just like people, dogs get upset stomachs and skin rashes now and then. But if your dog is experiencing either of these things on a regular basis, talk to your vet and find out if your dog might need different food. If so, ask your vet how to safely transition the food so that your dog doesn't experience any more upset. They're growing up... or older According to the Association of American Feed Control Officials, young animals have different nutritional needs than those who have reached maturity. Food that meets AAFCO guidelines for growth is considered nutritionally complete for puppies, but you'll need to change it up when your dog becomes an adult. If you're looking to feed your dog