

You and your pet

Feeding's key to dog's health

In the past few decades, dogs have climbed the social ladder from their role as companion animals to "members of the family." One result of this change is that dogs now eat what is purchased for them rather than what they are able to find for themselves.

Many dog food advertisements stress the desirability of an increased appetite and many people believe that unless their dog eats more and yowls, it does not like the food. Little wonder, then, that there are so many overweight dogs around.

We humans worry about our own weight problems, and we should be equally concerned about the weight of our pets. One way to help keep a dog alive longer is to keep his weight down. This can be accomplished both by exercising him and by watching his diet carefully.

Often it may be necessary to alter the amount, and even eliminate whole feedings, to suit a particular breed of dog and the dog's particular needs. Once his puppy days are over, the quantity of his diet must be reduced, because he has completed the major part of his growth cycle.

The natural appearance of your dog—from his first year to old age—should be lean and sleek. If you see him broadening through the shoulders or bulging around the abdomen, cut down on his food or increase his exercise until he loses the surplus poundage. If he remains lean, you should have a healthy dog growing well into old age.

If you notice that your dog is developing a weight problem, it's time for a trip to your veterinarian. A complete physical examination and an accurate diet history are the first steps he'll recommend in establishing a weight reduction program. Your veterinarian will suggest an ideal weight for your dog based on his breed, body size and complicating physical conditions (such as arthritis, cardiac disease or hip dysplasia). This ideal weight will then become the goal of your pet's weight reduction program.

A calorie reducing diet is a drastic change for an overfed house pet. So rather than reducing your dog's calorie intake, your veterinarian will outline a completely different diet, replacing fats and carbohydrates with indigestible carbohydrates and fiber. Your pet will eat the same amount of food, but will digest and absorb less.

Normally, a period of at least two months is required to get a dog back to his ideal weight. Once this weight is attained, your dog should be switched to a maintenance diet which your veterinarian can also outline. Thereafter, your dog should be weighed every week and you should keep a close watch on his weight gain or loss to adjust food intake.

There are special circumstances that do call for an enriched diet: a pregnant dog, a very active dog (for example, a hunting, retrieving or working animal), or a very large dog, all require extra nourishment.

Small amounts of fatty products are essential for good nutrition and should not be cut altogether from your dog's diet. They provide energy and keep the skin healthy.

Remember, the success of any weight reduction and maintenance program depends on your total cooperation with your veterinarian in limiting your dog's food intake. As a general rule, you should refrain from giving your pet snacks and table tidbits in addition to regular meals. Besides being less healthy and more inclined to car-

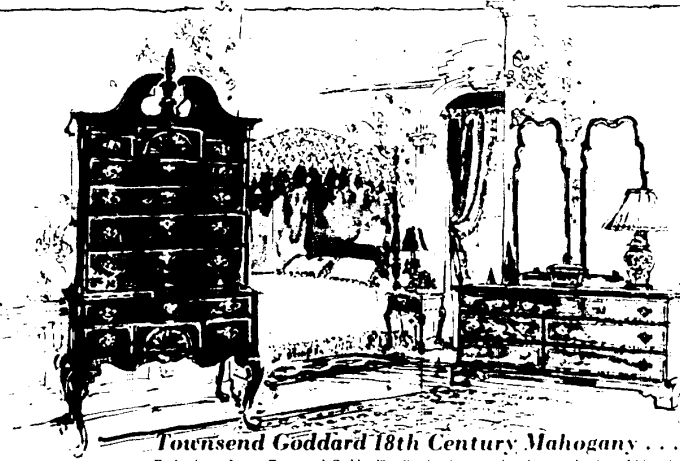
diac and respiratory problems, an overweight dog is more accident-prone and more likely to develop undesirable personality traits.

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