

A survey about the dietary intake and activity patterns of Swedish dogs



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We ask you to answer the questions by crossing in the appropriate box or write on the intended row. To be able to draw correct conclusion from the material, it is important that you answer all questions. All information that you give is considered confidential.

General questions about the dog owner

1. Owners name _____
2. Address _____
3. Telephone home _____ 4. Telephone work _____
5. County _____
6. N:o of adults in the household (≥ 18 years) ___ 7. Age of the adults ___
8. N:o of children in the household (< 18 years) _____
9. Age of the children _____

General questions about the dog

10. The registered name of the dog (if registered) _____
11. Registration number _____
12. Name of the dog _____
13. Is the dog pure-bred? No, it is a mixture of the following breeds _____
 Yes, state breed _____
14. Sex of the dog 1 Bitch 2 Male
15. Is the dog neutered? 0 No Yes, at the age of _____ months
16. Birth date (year-month-day) _____
17. Age of the dog when acquired? _____ months
18. Did you buy the dog from a 1 Breeder 3 I am the breeder of the dog
2 Friend 4 Other, _____
19. Price at acquisition _____ Swedish kronors
20. Do you use your dog as a 1 Companion animal
2 Show dog
3 Hunting dog
4 Search- and tracking dog
5 Stud dog
6 Guarding dog
7 Herding dog
8 Other, _____

Dietary habits of the dog

21. Which of the following ways is the dog fed?

- 1 Free access to feed all day
 2 The dog is given a limited amount per day
 3 Free access during a limited time one/several times a day

22. How often is your dog fed every day?

- 0 Less than once a day, _____ 4 4 times
 1 Once 5 5 times
 2 Twice 6 More than 5 times, state _____
 3 3 times 7 Feed available all day

23. If the appetite of the dog is given on a scale from one to four, where on this scale does your dog belong?

Very poor appetite Poor appetite Good appetite Very good appetite
 1 2 3 4

24. Type and amount fed

	Not at all	Very small amounts	25%	50%	75%	100%
a) Table foods	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
b) Home-made diet	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
c) Dry feeds	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
d) Canned feeds	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

25. Since what age has the dog been fed in this way? _____ months of age

26. How is your dog normally fed during a week?

Monday-Friday Time of the day What is fed? How many times a week is this fed?

Saturday-Sunday (if different)

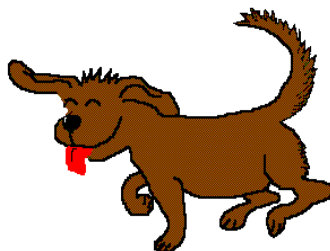
27. If the dog is given a commercial feed now, what brand and which product is it? Is it a dry or a canned feed? Calculate how many decilitres the dog is fed per day. Also, take 10 decilitres of your feed and note the weight in grams.

1. Brand and product		2. Amount consumed per day (dl)	3. 10 dl feeds weigh (grams)
a)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry <input type="checkbox"/> Canned		
b)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry <input type="checkbox"/> Canned		
c)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry <input type="checkbox"/> Canned		
d)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry <input type="checkbox"/> Canned		

28. If the dog at any time is given table foods or a home-made diet, go through the feed table list on the following two pages. How often is your dog eating specific table foods? Do not forget to cross the seldom/never alternative if the dog never or less than a month consume the feed item.

As it is sometimes difficult to estimate how much the dog is actually eating, some of the feed items have pictures appended, and those feed items are marked "PICTURE". Together with this questionnaire, you find a special picture-booklet which should be used for these food items. For example, if you are to estimate how much bread your dog is consuming, look at the picture with bread, and pick the right letter describing the size and thickness of the bread given.

If you never given table foods or home-made diets – continue on page 7.



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List of table foods for your dog

If the dog never or less than once a month eat the food item, mark an X in the "seldom or never" box

If the dog do consume the food item, note the number of times this is consumed and the amount consumed each time. If you want you can add specific information in the comments box

How often and how much is your dog consuming of the following beverages?

Beverages	Frequency				Amount each time	Comments
	Seldom or never	Times per day	Times per week	Times per month		
a) Whole milk (3% fat)					Number of dl	
b) Sour milk (3% fat)					Number of dl	
c) Other beverage					Number of dl	What beverage?

How often and how much is your dog consuming of the following food items?

Food items	Frequency				Amount each time	Picture – circle the right alternative
	Seldom or never	Times per day	Times per week	Times per month		
d) Bread					Number of slices	Picture A B C D E F Thickness K L M O P R V Y Type
e) Cheese Fat content _____					Number of slices	Picture A B C D E F G H I Type
f) Butter, margarine					Number of table spoons	Picture A B C Type
g) Vegetable oil					Number of table spoons	Type
h) Lard/tallow from meat					Grams	
i) Egg					Number	
j) Oat meal (dry weight)					Number of dl	
k) Meat, i e beef, pork or lamb					Grams	Picture A B C
l) Chicken					Grams	
m) Sausage					Grams	Picture A B C D

Food items	Frequency				Amount each time	Picture – circle right alternative
	Seldom or never	Times per day	Times per week	Times per month		
n) Meat balls					Number	Type
o) Black pudding					Grams	Picture A B
p) Lean fish, i e codfish					Grams	Picture A B Thickness _____ cm Type
q) Fat fish, i e Baltic herring					Grams	Type
r) Pancakes					Number	Picture A B C Thickness _____ cm
s) Potatoes					Number	Picture A B C D
t) Pasta					Number dl boiled	Picture A B C D
u) Rice					Number dl boiled	Picture A B C D
v) Vegetables					Number/dl	Type
w) Sauce					Number dl	Type
x) Sponge cake or similar					Number slices	
y) Buns					Number	
z) Ice cream					Number dl	
ã) Chocolate					Grams	Type
ä) Fruit					Grams	Type

Does your dog consumed other table foods than those given above? Which?

Food items	Frequency				Amount each time	Picture – circle the right alternative
	Seldom or never	Times per day	Times per week	Times per month		
						Type
						Type

29. Is any vitamin or mineral supplements given to the dog?

Yes, regularly

	No	Each day	A few times a week	A few times a month	Product	Amount
a) Multivitamins	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
b) Vitamin C	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
c) Other vitamin, _____	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
d) Calcium	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
e) Other mineral, _____	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
f) Other type, _____	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

30. Is the dog given treats in any form?

a) 0 No a) Yes, the dog is given _____ grams/week

b) Which product? _____

31. Have your dog consumed any other type of products previously?

0 No 1 Yes

If yes, which product and when?

1. Brand and product	2. At which age did you start to give this feed?	3. For how many months was this feed given?
a) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry <input type="checkbox"/> Canned		
b) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry <input type="checkbox"/> Canned		
c) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry <input type="checkbox"/> Canned		
d) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry <input type="checkbox"/> Canned		

32. How many different commercial feed products (count all products of the same brand) has your dog consumed during its lifespan?

0 None 2 Two 4 Four 6 Six 8 Eight
1 One 3 Three 5 Five 7 Seven 9 More than 8, number _____

33. What type of feeding did your dog eat at the breeder?

34. What type of feeding did your dog eat during the first months after leaving the breeder?

35. For how many months was this feed given? _____

36. Are there any other animals in the household? 0 No 1 Yes

a) Dogs, number ____ b) Cats, number ____ c) Others, type ____ number ____

37. Do other animals consumed the feed of your dog more often than once a week?

0 No Yes, _____% of the feed of the dog is consumed by another animal

38. Does it happen that your dog provide itself with food, i e slaughter offals, compost, or is it hunting its own food?

0 No 1 Yes, it provides itself with food every day
2 Yes, it provides itself with food a few times each week
3 Yes, it provides itself with food a few times every month
4 Yes, it provides itself with food a few times every year

39 a) Are there other persons giving your dog a bit to taste that you did not mention before in the present questionnaire, i. e. children, other family members or neighbours? b) How often?

a) 0 No 1 Yes, the dog is given a bit by the children 1 >Once a day
2 Yes, the dog is given a bit by family adults 2 Once a day
3 Yes, the dog is given a bit by others 3 Weekly
4 Monthly

The living patterns and activity of the dogs

40. Would you describe your dog as
- 1 Calm
 - 2 Moderately active
 - 3 Very active
41. How many hours is your dog alone (no human contact) per day?
- 1 Never alone
 - 2 Alone less than 3 hours a day
 - 3 Alone 3-6 hours a day
 - 4 Alone 6-9 hours a day
 - 5 Alone more than 9 hours a day
42. When your dog is inside, is it
- 1 Admitted into all rooms
 - 2 Admitted into some rooms
 - 3 Tied in a leash/chain/rope
 - 4 Confined in a room/kennel
 - 5 Other, _____
43. When your dog is outside, is it
- 1 Loose without leash
 - 2 In leash
 - 3 Tied in a chain/rope
 - 4 In a fenced garden/yard
44. During the *summer*, how many hours a day is your dog spending outside in activity when you work, and when you are free from work? Do not count the hours the dog is sleeping outside.
- a) Days when owner work b) Days when owner is not working
- 1 Less than an hour
 - 2 1-2 hours
 - 3 2-5 hours
 - 4 5-10 hours
 - 5 More than 10 hours
- 1 Less than an hour
 - 2 1-2 hours
 - 3 2-5 hours
 - 4 5-10 hours
 - 5 More than 10 hours

45. During the *winter* how many hours a day is your dog spending outside in activity when you work, and when you are free from work? Do not count the hours that the dog is sleeping outside.

a) Days when owner work b) Days when owner is not working

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Less than an hour | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Less than an hour |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 hours | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 hours |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 2-5 hours | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 2-5 hours |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 hours | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 hours |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10 hours | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10 hours |

46. How often do you take the dog for a walk (i.e. outside the garden or yard)?

- 1 Never
- 2 At most once a week
- 3 2-6 times a week
- 4 1-2 times a day
- 5 3-5 times a day
- 6 More than five, _____

47. If the dog is loose, is it

- 1 By your side
- 2 At 5-20 meters distance
- 3 At longer distances

48. Does the dog usually play with other dogs?

- 0 No
- 1 Yes, _____ times/week
_____ hours each time

49. What does your dog do during the walks? Pick as many alternatives as you want.

- a Just walk forward by your side
- b Play with other dogs
- c Play with you
- d Carry things
- e Search for something eatable
- f Hunt wild game
- g Chasing people
- h Other, _____

50. Do you usually throw balls, sticks or frisbees to your dog?

0 No Yes, _____ times per week

51. If you take your dog for a walk, what is the main purpose?

- 1 Mainly so the dog can romp and play
- 2 So the dog can get some exercise
- 3 So that you can get some exercise
- 4 To train the dog
- 5 Other, _____

52. If you take your dog for a exercise, what type and amount?

a) Monday 1 Walk, distance _____ km, time _____ minutes
 2 Run, distance _____ km, time _____ minutes
 3 Cycle training, distance ___ km, time __ minutes

a) Tuesday 1 Walk, distance _____ km, time _____ minutes
 2 Run, distance _____ km, time _____ minutes
 3 Cycle training, distance ___ km, time __ minutes

Wednesday 1 Walk, distance _____ km, time _____ minutes
 2 Run, distance _____ km, time _____ minutes
 3 Cycle training, distance ___ km, time __ minutes

a) Thursday 1 Walk, distance _____ km, time _____ minutes
 2 Run, distance _____ km, time _____ minutes
 3 Cycle training, distance ___ km, time __ minutes

a) Friday 1 Walk, distance _____ km, time _____ minutes
 2 Run, distance _____ km, time _____ minutes
 3 Cycle training, distance ___ km, time __ minutes

a) Saturday 1 Walk, distance _____ km, time _____ minutes
 2 Run, distance _____ km, time _____ minutes
 3 Cycle training, distance ___ km, time __ minutes

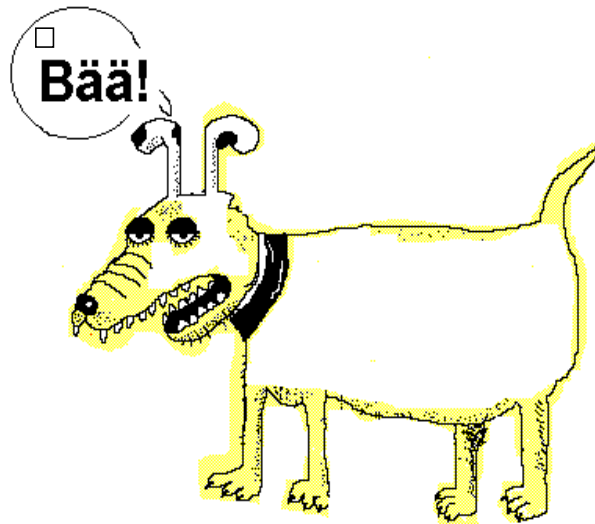
a) Sunday 1 Walk, distance _____ km, time _____ minutes
 2 Run, distance _____ km, time _____ minutes
 3 Cycle training, distance ___ km, time __ minutes

53. Is your dog trained in any of the following activities?

- 0 No 1 Obedience ___ hours/week 6 IPO/protective ___ hours/week
2 Agility ___ hours/week 7 Search/rescue ___ hours/week
3 Tracking ___ hours/week 8 Guarding ___ hours/week
4 Searching ___ hours/week 9 Herding ___ hours/week
5 Reporting ___ hours/week 10 Hunting ___ hours/week

54. Have the activity level of your dog been changed considerably during the last year?

- No Yes, describe how _____
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Diseases and health

55. Does your dog suffer from any diseases *at present*?

0 No 1 Yes, the following diseases _____

56. Has your dog had any *previous* disease?

0 No 1 Yes, the following diseases _____

57. What is the weight of your dog? _____ kg

58. Where on this line do you consider the body condition of your dog to be? Mark with a cross on the line.

Lean _____ I _____ Obese
Normal weight

59. If you have a pure-bred dog, answer this question

Do you think your dog is 1 A large representative for its breed
2 A normal representative for its breed
3 A small representative for its breed

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