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Why is My Dog So Fat?!

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Dogs, just like humans, gain excess body weight for a number of different reasons. If your dog is active, eats a healthy and balanced diet, and still seems to put on the extra pounds, you may be asking yourself, why is my dog so fat? Whether your vet has informed you or you suspect that your dog is a little too fluffy under their fur, it's important to identify what it is that's making your dog gain (and keep) extra weight so that you can effectively manage it.

Type I: THE NIBBLER

"But doctor, she hardly eats a thing."

This dog probably has food out for him/her all day and nibbles a little at a time. When dinner time comes and the pet picks at the leftovers, it will take the choicest morsels, leave the rest, and still appear not to have eaten very much. However, over a 24-hour period "THE NIBBLER'S" total calorie intake is excessive and it gains weight. Hardly eats a thing, eh?

Type II: THE BEGGAR:

"But doctor, this rascal won't keep quiet unless she gets her treats. And she won't go to sleep at night until she gets her little dish of ice cream."

What has happened here is that the pet has discovered that the more noise and fussing it produces the more likely it is to be rewarded for this behavior. The owner finally "gives in" to keep the pet quiet and the pet sees the food as a reward. In effect the owner is training "The Beggar" by rewarding his/her behavior. It turns into a fun game but the dog's health may suffer if obesity is the result.

Type III: THE GOOD DOG:

"But doctor, she's such a good dog we don't want her to go hungry."

This dog became overweight because the owner's signal of affection for their pet has focused on feeding. (Usually each family member secretly offers treats to the pet ... and doesn't know the other family members are doing exactly the same thing!) It is an understandable trait but unfortunately for the dog it can be a case of too much of a good thing. The owners' method of showing affection should be directed more toward physical activity than feeding. Think "FETCH" not "FOOD"!

Type IV: THE GOURMET DOG:

"But doctor, s/he just refuses to eat dog food."

In this case the dog has trained the owners to feed him/her such things as chicken, liver, ice cream, cookies, etc. Although most table scraps are just fine to feed (remember, stay away from bones of any kind!), this dog has been given a choice of what to eat and has chosen certain people food. If a child is given a choice s/he would probably choose cake and candy over vegetables, and their health would suffer. The Gourmet Dog usually overeats because s/he isn't getting a proper balance of nutrition, plus everything tastes so good there is a reward factor in eating. The solution is ... you choose, not your pet.



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SASHA BAIRD



SEPTEMBER DOG OF THE MONTH



Sasha is a female Great Dane. Born Aug 25, 2017 so almost a year old. She weighs about 120 lbs right now and is still growing. She's been going to DCC since she was 16 weeks old and fully vaccinated. She LOVES daycare! Her mom brings her once or twice a week for socialization and to play hard. She has a sister, Mia, and brother, Macin, both mini schnauzers. She had a big brother, Shiloh, that she adored but he died from bone cancer Aug 2. She loves to sit on anyone and anything. She sits on her family, tries to sit on the schnauzers and was always sitting on Shiloh. Her favorite toy is a squeaky pig. She holds that thing in her mouth for hours squeaking it. Super hard to watch tv with that going on! She loves to get on her parent's bed and "watch tv" at night. She gets the "zoomies" a few times a day and runs around the house as fast as she can in the same path before collapsing on the floor panting. It is hilarious. She tries to talk to her mom when she wants something and she has perfected whining when she doesn't get her way. She loves to sit on the couch facing the window so she can watch the bird feeder and bark every time a squirrel gets close to it. She loves bacon flavored dog bubbles and is really good at treat puzzle games. She is a sweetie, a big silly girl and her family loves her to death!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

ABBY G.

ARCHIE K.

BELLA M.

BRINKLEY H.

BRODIE S.

BUDDY K.

CARLEY S.

CHEWY G.

DYLAN H.

FELICITY H.

FITZ S.

GABE H.

GEORGI T.

GUNNER M.

HUNTER F.

HUNTER N.

JACKSON S.

JOSEY B.

KODI B.

KONA E.

LACEY R.

LAKEN W.

LUCY G.

LUCY H.

LUIGI S.

LULU M.

LULU S.

LULU W.

LUNA S.

MARLIE A.

MAX G.

MAX W.

MICKEY T.

MISTY L.

MURPHY M.

NATASHA K.

OLIVE S.

ROSCOE B.

SADIE MAE A.

SALLY M.

SASHA E.

SCARLETT D.

SISSY T.

TOBIE K.

TRIXIE H.

WINSTON H.



MEET OUR NEW MANAGER!

Amy is a newbie to the south...born a New Yorker, lived in the Bronx NY, Yonkers NY, and most recently, Rockaway, N.J. Amy has 32 years experience working at an overnight camp for children since 1985 (NJY Camps) as a Division Head, Program Director, Assistant Director and Associate Director. She now has 2 pugs. Reggie Boy is a 5yr old male black pug and is a sweet and loving goof ball! His sister, Winnie Belle, is a fawn pug and is the alpha. Both love their family and visit DCC often! Family is everything to Amy, who is married to Ed for 13 yrs. Ed is already feeling part of DCC and works full time in Charlotte. (He loves his dogs, METS and JETS). Her family is up North. Amy's Dad, Artie visits often from NJ! Amy has 2 grown children. Her daughter Jamie and her partner Jessica currently live in Bethesda, MD. Her newly married son Brian & his wife Jenny live in NJ. Ed has 2 grown children. Sydnee is in NJ and son Troy and daughter-in-law Jennifer live in NY. Amy loves to cook, shop, travel, make people smile, and socialize! Please drop in at DCC and say hello to our new manager!

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