



Guide Dogs for the Blind

Puppy Going to Puppy Raiser Home on Hill's i/d

At GDB we are currently trialing several practices to reduce puppy diarrhea rates. Diarrhea commonly occurs when a puppy is traveling or adjusting to a new home. One of our current trials is to feed some puppies a bland diet during this transition period to see if it helps prevent diarrhea. The puppy you are receiving is currently eating Hill's i/d, a prescription bland diet that meets puppy growth nutrition requirements.

Feeding Guidelines

- The puppy will arrive with a ziplock bag of Hill's i/d.
- Please **feed Hill's i/d ONLY for the first 7 days** the puppy is home (use Hill's i/d for both meals and treats).
- Then transition from Hill's i/d to a GDB approved puppy diet over 6 days.
 - On the 1st and 2nd transition days feed about 75% Hill's i/d and 25% the new diet.
 - On the 3rd and 4th transition days feed about 50% Hill's i/d and 50% new diet.
 - On the 5th and 6th transition days feed about 25% Hill's i/d and 75% the new diet.
 - Then feed 100% the new puppy diet.
- Begin feeding the puppy $\frac{3}{4}$ cup three times a day (unless you have been advised specifically to feed the puppy a different amount). Continue to follow your puppy club leader or CFR's recommendations on food amount adjustments.

What to do if diarrhea occurs during the first week the puppy is home:

- Feed 100% Hill's i/d and monitor the puppy.
- If the stools normalized in 48 hours, continue to feed Hill's i/d until stools have been normal for at least 3 days, then repeat the 7-day diet transition.
- If diarrhea persists longer than 48 hours or the puppy develops lethargy, vomiting, or a poor appetite at any time, then have the puppy checked by a veterinarian.
- If diarrhea recurs, contact your puppy club leader for guidance.

What to do if you need more Hill's i/d food?

- First contact your puppy club leader. Sometimes leaders will have supplies of Hill's i/d available.
- If your leader does not have a supply, please contact your veterinarian.