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Become an AAL Guardian this Spring!

AAL has faced its most difficult times yet this year. We continue to spend much more per dog than we ever get back, and we refuse to compromise on the quality of care our dogs receive. To keep AAL going so that we

can save more lives, we're hoping that you can help us.

For \$15.00 a month, you can become an **AAL Guardian**. Guardians give us a reliable income source so that we can focus our limited resources on what we do best: caring for dogs in need.

As a Guardian, you'll know that you're helping a dog every month. It's easy to

budget, and it's tax-deductible. Please see details in our column below and become an AAL Guardian today!

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Help make this our best
year yet!



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All About Labs (AAL) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to rescuing dogs in need, giving them the best care, and placing them into loving, responsible homes. To learn more about our organization, please see our website. Feel free to send your questions to Info@AllAboutLabs.org.

AAL Guardians

Become a Guardian today!

AAL Guardians are dedicated supporters who make a monthly donation, providing us with a reliable income stream.

Quick Facts:

- Become an AAL Guardian for \$15.00 a month. That's just fifty cents a day.
- Your credit card will be billed automatically each month by PayPal's secure service.
- Your Guardian donation is tax-deductible.
- If you ever need to withdraw from the Guardian program, just let us know.
- To enroll, just email us at Info@AllAboutLabs.org.
- 100% of your donation goes to the dogs and their care.

Questions? Email us at Info@AllAboutLabs.org



Butterscotch is a great girl in need of a home! Can you help find her one?

Butterscotch, a yellow lab mix, is coming up on 5 months old. She's as sweet as can be, so affectionate and loving, and will make a great companion to a person or family. She loves people, kids, dogs, treats, playing, getting belly rubs... and is just a big sweetheart.

Butterscotch has already been spayed, and is up to date on all her shots. She's on heartworm prevention, the best flea and tick prevention, and she's been microchipped! She's very smart and loving, and is all set to be adopted. In fact, her brother Nugget and sister Cashew were just adopted—so it's just her and Chessie left.

If you know someone who might provide a good home to Butterscotch (or her sister Chessie), please forward them The Fetch. And let them know that they can email us at Info@AllAboutLabs.org. Thanks!

Want to be featured in The Fetch? Send your updates to us at Editor@AllAboutLabs.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

These guys need your help



Email us at Info@AllAboutLabs.org to find out about how you can help

The Doggy Expert on Nutrition



Q: Each month, we receive questions from AAL parents about our suggestions on dog food and nutrition. So we thought we'd devote this month's column to this important issue.

All dog food is not created equal. And because pet food isn't regulated using the same standards as human food, you can't always trust the claims on the packaging. So how do you pick out a good dog food? Here are some things to look for:

- 1. Protein Sources.** A quality dog food will list two or three animal proteins (like chicken and lamb) in the first five ingredients. By law, the largest quantity of ingredients used in the food have to be listed first. Seeing animal proteins first in the list is a great sign.
- 2. Watch the Carbs!** Dogs, evolved from wolves, don't need a lot of carbohydrates to be healthy. If the first ingredients you see on a food's label are grains, the majority of the nutrition in that food comes from grains. While your dog needs some carbs for optimal functioning, keep in mind that the more grains in a food, the cheaper it is to produce.
- 3. Be Wary of Soy.** Soy is a common ingredient found in dog food. Though high in protein, it prevents other nutrients from being absorbed.

We recommend that you stay away from foods with soy.

Some other tips for keeping Fido healthy:

- Always keep fresh, clean water available. Dogs dehydrate faster than humans and need water at all times.
- Have set feeding times: twice a day for adult dogs, and at least three times a day for pups.
- Puppies have separate nutritional needs and should be fed puppy food.
- If your dog has tummy upset, feed cooked rice with boiled beef until better.
- When transitioning to a new food, gradually mix in the new food to the old over a week.
- Give a low-calorie treat, especially for training purposes. We like Kong Treats for Training, all natural liver treats which are 1 calorie each.

Please Note: Information provided in this column is not intended to be used in place of or in contradiction to the advice of a veterinarian or trained professional. A veterinarian should be consulted for all health issues or behavioral concerns, and extreme caution should be used when dealing with a dog showing any signs of aggression.

Questions for the Doggy Expert? Email them to: Editor@AllAboutLabs.org.

The Monthly Fetch

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Past issues of The Monthly Fetch are available online. You can download them from [our website](#), where we have other great resources.



Dogs Rule

At All About Labs, we believe that dogs are wondrous. They help people to live longer, healthier lives, and we are surely better human beings because of them.

Many of the world's problems—hunger, war, the environment—might feel insurmountable, but animal cruelty is an issue we can actually

do something about. We know, because we save lives every day.

Thank you for supporting All About Labs, and please continue to spread the word about rescue. And be in touch with us if you would like to get involved.

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