

Dog Food For Hard Working Dogs

Besides training and conditioning, a key ingredient to maintaining your dogs physical performance is feeding a quality dog food. Most high quality dog foods designed for working dogs are referred to as Performance Formula dog foods. These high octane foods have a superior blend of carbohydrate sources that give active dogs energy when they need it the most. The carbohydrates provide extra calories from fat, this is the fuel your dog demands during any type of high physical stress. Just as important as the carbo, are quality digestible protein. Protein, helps maintain lean muscle mass to keep your dog in top condition during the hunting season. A performance dog food should have a concentrated calorie value of 4,000 kcal/kg, 430 kcal/cup or more. Make sure any food you feed is certified by the Association Of Animal Feed Control Official (AAFCO). This is the organization that sets the quality of ingredients for the pet food industry.

A number of years back I realized the importance of feeding a High Performance Formula dog food at our training kennel. Besides better performance, the dogs coats look better and shed less. The clean up was also a major factor. A high quality food is more digestible, so there is less stool volume to clean up.

Working dogs put lots of stress on there joints and ligaments. Some premium dog foods have glucosamine with chondroitin in them for joint management and rehabilitation of cartilage. Studies show it to very helpful for working dogs and is safe for long term use.

Good nutrition and exercise will pay big dividends come fall.

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