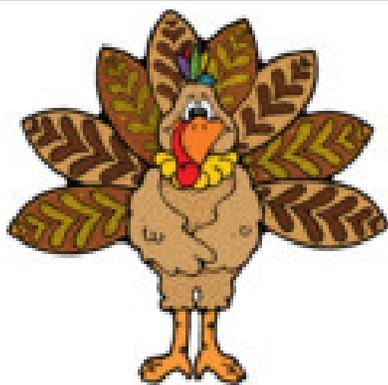


Puppy Love

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'Tis the
Season
for
Overeating!

It's the time of year that we all love; the fellowship, the festivities, and the FOOD! With pure joy I look forward to casting off all illusions of staying on any kind of dieting regiment. It gives me pause to consider just how much of a food regiment I maintain for my dogs, and then I feel guilty about how I make them miss out on all of the "good" stuff.

The truth is canine obesity is the fastest growing health problem in dogs today, studies indicate 25% - 40% of dogs are affected. Unfortunately, dachshunds are among the breeds more prone to obesity.

Most dogs' weight can be maintained to a healthy level by diet and exercise (just like people), but it is not unusual for a dog to gain extra weight gradually and it can sneak up on the pet parent.

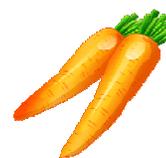
One benefit for dogs is they don't have to have strong willpower to keep the pounds off ~ but you do! You must have the commitment to practice the willpower of love to keep your little doxie healthy.

Canine obesity is dangerous and can lead to a number of health problems: cardiac disease, diabetes, hypertension, osteoarthritis, orthopedic injuries, respiratory disorders, liver disease, many forms of cancer, and even neurological problems.

Be sure to feed your doxie premium quality dog food high in protein and always measure the amount you are feeding him at meal time. Better quality food (usually not found in a grocery store) will provide the best nutrition and it will contain a higher level of protein decreasing the feeling of being hungry for your doxie. It is best to feed your dog twice a day and give him healthy snacks when appropriate. Love your dog and feed him well...

more calories = fewer years!

Has your doxie had
their veggies today?



Great Snacks that your dog will love:
carrots, celery, pea pods, green beans.
No need to cook, serve raw anytime.
Usually best if hand fed.



**"If you want a friend in
Washington, get a dog."
President Harry S. Truman**

This much recognized quote of President Truman probably originates from a line in the portrayal of Truman in the play *Give Them Hell, Harry* written by Samuel Gallu (1975). Both, President George H.W. Bush and President Clinton have referenced this quote as being a factual statement made by President Truman. His presidency ended in 1953. Even to this day, researchers at the Truman Presidential Library have never been able to verify this popular quote having actually been said by Truman.