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Water For Life

A balanced diet is not the only necessary part of keeping your dog healthy. Water for drinking is also a very important part of your little doxie's daily requirements for overall nutrition. Water moves important nutrients in and out of body cells and aids with the digestion of food and helps the body absorb nutrients.

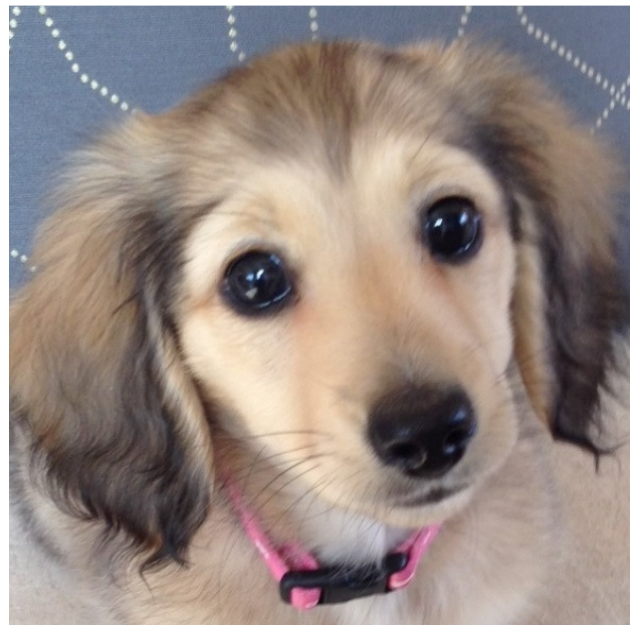
In addition to nutritional benefits, water also lubricates and cushions joints making movement easier, protects internal organs, and helps remove waste from the body. Essentially, every important body function requires water to sustain life.

Many professionals share the opinion that most dogs do not drink enough water every day to maintain optimal good health. Getting your dog to drink more frequently is usually not the issue, the issue is making the water more appealing so your dog will enthusiastically consume this crystal clear H₂O.

It is critical to change the water in your doxie's bowl with fresh clear water at least once a day; he will especially enjoy cool water whenever possible. Preferably use a stainless steel bowl and wash it with soap and water daily. Stainless steel is bacteria-resistant and dishwasher safe making it is easy to clean and maintain.

As a general rule of thumb, dogs should drink approximately one ounce of water per pound of body weight each day. Climate and activity level may require a dog to drink more than the suggested amount so adjust the quantity accordingly.

If you ever wonder if it is time to change the water or clean your little doxie's water bowl, consider this; if you wouldn't drink it, or out of it, then neither should he.



Grace is a beautiful baby being loved and adored by her pet parents in South Carolina.

