

Come one, come all.....hear all about it!! SSCA & GSCA seminar on Canine Nutrition at Purina Farms.

Thursday, August 22, 2024

Founders Room 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Dr. Catherine Lenox, DVM DACVIM(Nutrition) of the Purina Institute in Saint Louis will be our speaker. She has done extensive work in both feline and canine nutrition. This seems fitting as some schnauzer people have been known to associate with Cats!



The SSCA has communicated to the Purina folk a list of nutrition topics plus the request that we would like a member of their scientific team as opposed to marketing. Purina has obliged with Dr. Lenox. They have a large team of veterinarians that work hand in hand with the nutrition research group.

We understand the whole issue of canine nutrition is controversial so our goal is talk about the facts.....what does a dog need for optimal health in all their life stages plus associated items. The topics we expressed particular interest in are:

Nutritional Requirements

1. Adults home dog vs performance dog
2. Active Stud Dogs
3. Bitches in preparation for breeding
4. Bitches in whelp
5. Lactating bitches
6. Puppies 3 weeks and older
 - Feeding adult food vs a puppy formulation
 - If feeding puppy food, when to transition to adult food
7. Senior dogs

How to read labels on dog food packaging

For a medium/large sized dog, what percentages are recommended

What is the importance of DHA, Omegas, and other supplements & preservatives

How are feeding trials conducted given current breeding & animal husbandry laws.

Raw vs kibble and canned food

Grain vs non-grain foods

Home cooked meals vs kibble and canned food plus dog food supplied by companies like Farm Fresh for Dogs, Farmer's Dog and Just for Dogs who sell "designer" meals for dogs.

And anything else the speaker would like to talk about on this topic plus Q & A time