

Puppy Love

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An adorable Shibu Inu, an ancient dog breed originating in Japan, has taken social media by storm after it emerged that he manages his own sweet potato stall in Hokkaido, Japan. Ken-kun's dad roasts sweet potatoes, wraps them in foil and walks with his "assistant" to the street stand, leaving Ken-kun in charge for most of the day. Because Ken-kun does not have opposable thumbs and lacks math skills, the stand operates on the honor-system allowing customers to select their own sweet potato, along with a convenient money box to deposit their payment. Roasted sweet potato is a common street snack in Japan, but residents adore a stop for the treat when Ken-kun charmingly stands up to the counter to receive his payment due for managing *The Dog's Roasted Sweet Potato Stand*. Gracious, affectionate pets are doled out to "pay" the canine entrepreneur for his industrious commitment to sweet potatoes and his admiring customers.



Merribelle is dearly loved by her mom and dad in South Carolina. She joins her English cream brother, Pippin.



Here's to Health

Sweet potato is like a health food for dogs and can be safely consumed by almost all dogs. This root vegetable promotes:

- dietary fiber for good digestion
- beta-carotene, an excellent antioxidant boosting immune system, vision and skin health
- contains protein along with vitamins C, B6 and B5, manganese and potassium.



Archeological evidence shows cultivation of the sweet potato might have begun around 2500-1850 BCE. By the time Christopher Columbus arrived in the "New World" in the late 15th century, sweet potatoes were well established as food plants in South and Central America. Sweet potatoes first crossed the Pacific to Polynesia 400 years before Columbus made his world-famous voyage in 1492. And, they have now made it into your little doxie's food bowl.



Sweet potatoes are a super food and a year-round treat for your dog ~ make it a habit.



Message to the Chef

Begin by thoroughly washing the sweet potato. Remove the skin and cook by any method other than frying. Sweet potatoes should never be served as a meal but as a meal topper, or as a snack. The appropriate serving size for a little doxie is one teaspoon.