

Göttingen Minipigs – Feeding recommendations

At Ellegaard, the minipigs are fed restrictedly twice a day, with an expanded low-calorie certified diet. Since the diet is a fixed formula diet, the actual analysis may vary. Pigs older than 7 months are only fed once a day.

Ad libitum feeding tends to cause obesity and variety in body weight within groups, while restricted feeding results in a more homogenous population, without the disadvantages of obesity. Although restricted feeding involves limited food intake, it is not equivalent to malnutrition.

Total daily amount of food:

Age (months)	Weight (kg)	Males (g)	Females (g)
2-4	5-9	240	220
4-6	9-13	240-300	220-280
6-8	13-17	300-340	280-320
8-10	17-21	340-380	320-360
10-12	21-25	380-420	360-400
> 12	25-35	420-600	400-600

Feed the minipigs according to these guidelines:

- Feed according to the age of the minipigs. (See the date of birth on the animal certificate)
- Remember that males require more food than females - do not just give the average
- Weight the minipigs regularly and make sure their growth is correct according to the [weight development curve](#) or the table above
- Adjust the daily food amount by +/- 20-40 % compared to the above recommendations if a minipig is outside the weight development in the above table
- Remove any uneaten food within one hour after feeding
- For minipigs younger than 7 months, split the daily amount into two feedings
- For minipigs older than 7 months, feed the daily amount in one feeding.

Find further information on feeding and a list of distributors of the diet in the [Handling & Care Description](#).