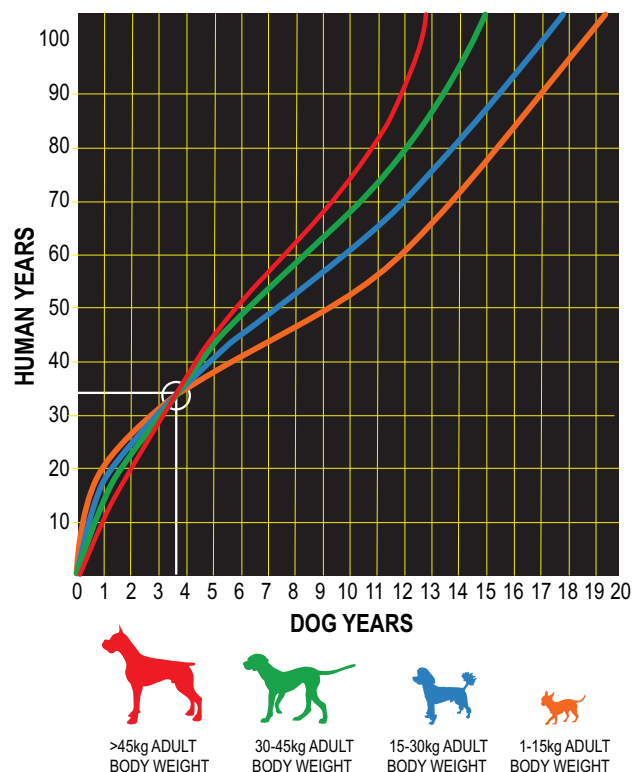


# Charting Growth



## DOG AGES by Tony Hunt



### Dog Myth-conceptions #3

1 human year = 7 in canine years is Busted!

How is it that Jack Russells have lots of pep left at eight years of age and yet giant breeds are in their twilight years at the same age? Simple, dog breeds are not created equal when it comes to health, growth and longevity.

Dr Tony Hunt from Figtree Veterinary Clinic has kindly provided us this handy chart to show the relation of size-to-growth-to-age.

As Dr Hunt explains, "Clients often tell me how old their dog is in human years using the 7 to 1 rule. However, it is not as simple as that, as the accompanying graph shows.

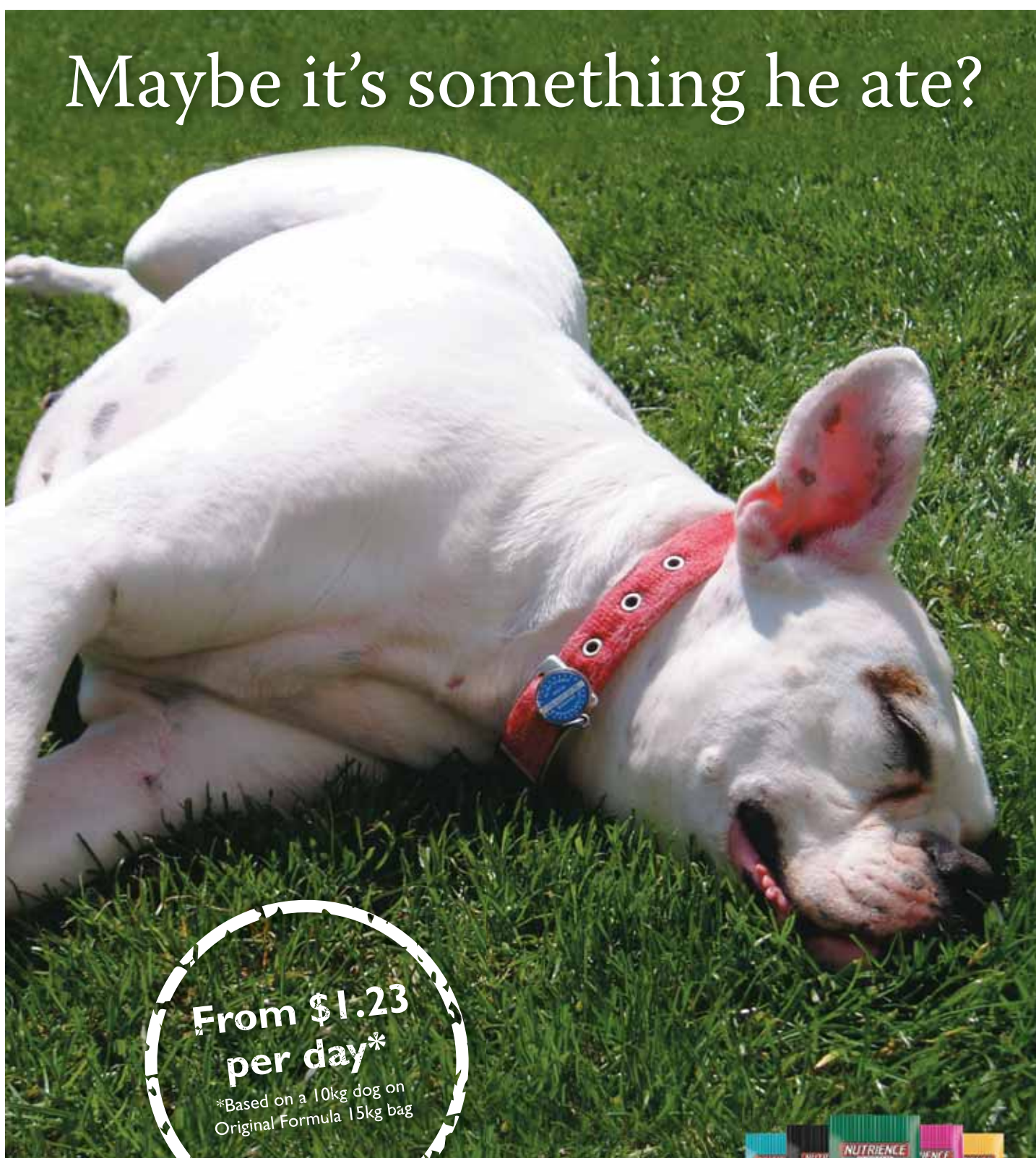
Confusion arises because two competing factors upset the simple rule.

Firstly, canine longevity is inversely proportional to adult lean body weight. This simply means that little dogs live longer, on average, than big dogs. So Chihuahuas live years longer than Great Danes.

Secondly, large breed dogs mature (or age) more slowly than small breed dogs when they are young but more rapidly when they are older!"

Interesting all dogs are the same human age at one point only, where the graphs intersect.

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