



DOG FOOD COMPARISON

The best way to determine the quality of your pet food is to carefully read and understand the label. While reading the label, ask the following questions:

Does the food use high quality ingredients?

Is there a quality meat source as one of the first two ingredients? Better yet, are the ingredients human-grade?

Is the bag dated for freshness?

There are literally hundreds of brands and varieties of dog food. Below is a table listing a few popular dog food brands, with the less desirable ingredients highlighted. Keep in mind that ingredients are listed in descending order by weight. For example, corn listed as one of the first three ingredients is less desirable than if listed as the eight ingredient.

BEAUFORT DOG IS PROUD TO OFFER ALL OF THE FOODS LISTED THAT ARE HUMAN GRADE STARTING AT \$24 FOR A 15LB BAG!

DOG FOOD	FIRST EIGHT INGREDIENTS	HUMAN GRADE MEAT SOURCES?
Acana Pacifica	Boneless salmon, salmon meal, herring meal, russet potato, peas, whitefish meal*, sweet potatoes, salmon oil *ACANA's whitefish meal contains wild-caught flounder, halibut, and cod.	Yes
Adirondack 26	Chicken meal, corn meal , chicken fat, dried potato product, corn gluten meal , dried beet pulp (sugar removed), flax meal	No
Beneful - RATED WORST FOR YOUR DOG	Ground yellow corn , chicken by-product meal , corn gluten meal , whole wheat flour, beef tallow , rice flour, beef soy flour, sugar	No
Bil-Jac Select	Fresh chicken by-product meal (organ meat only), Fresh Chicken, Corn, chicken by-product meal , dried beet pulp (sugar removed), fresh chicken liver, brewers dried yeast, cane molasses	No
Blackwood Grain Free Chicken	Chicken meal, potato flakes, tapioca starch, field peas, duck meal, catfish meal, carrots, celery	No
Blue Buffalo Wilderness Chicken Recipe	Deboned chicken, chicken meal, potato starch, turkey meal, peas, chicken fat, potatoes, tomato pomace	Yes
California Natural Herring & Sweet Potato	Herring, barley, oatmeal, herring meal, herring oil, sunflower oil, sweet potato, natural flavors	Yes
Canidae Chicken	Chicken meal, brown rice, barley, poultry fat, ground wheat, flax seed, sunflower oil, vitamin B-6, B-12, and D	Yes
Eukenuba Adult	Chicken, chicken by-product meal , corn meal , ground whole grain sorghum, ground whole grain barley, chicken fat, fish meal, brewers rice	No
EVO Turkey & Chicken	Turkey, chicken, turkey meal, chicken meal, potatoes, herring meal, chicken fat, natural flavors	Yes
Innova Red Meat	Beef, lamb meal, barley, brown rice, potato, sunflower oil, rice, lamb	Yes
Iams Adult	Chicken, corn meal , ground whole grain sorghum, chicken by-product meal , ground whole grain barley meal, fish meal, chicken fat, dried beet pulp	No
Kibbles 'N Bits	Corn , soybean meal, ground wheat, beef & bone meal , animal fat (BHA and citric acid used as preservatives), corn syrup , wheat middlings, water sufficient for processing	No
Merrick Before Grain Chicken	Deboned chicken, chicken meal, dehydrated potato, turkey meal, chicken fat, dehydrated sweet potato, yeast culture	Yes

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Nutro Max	Chicken meal, wheat flour, ground whole wheat, rice bran, poultry fat, corn gluten meal , ground rice, lamb meal	No
Natural Balance Sweet Potato & Venison	Sweet potatoes, venison, potato protein, pea protein, canola oil, dicalcium phosphate, potato fiber, flaxseed	No
Orijen Adult Dog	Fresh boneless chicken*, chicken meal, fresh boneless salmon*, turkey meal, herring meal, russet potato, peas, sweet potato *delivered fresh, preservative-free, and never frozen	Yes
Pedigree	Ground yellow corn, meat and bone meal, corn gluten meal, chicken by-product meal, animal fat (preserved with BHA/BHT), wheat mill run, natural poultry flavor, rice, salt	No
Proplan Adult	Chicken, brewers rice , whole grain wheat, poultry by-product meal, corn gluten meal, beef tallow, whole grain corn, corn bran	No
Professional Chicken & Barley	Chicken, chicken meal, cracked pearled barley, millet, brewers rice , chicken fat (preserved with mixed tocopherols), dried plain beet pulp, natural chicken flavor	Yes
Purina Dog Chow	Ground yellow corn, poultry by-product meal, corn gluten meal , soybean meal, beef tallow (preserved with mixed tocopherols), brewers rice , dicalcium phosphate, calcium carbonate	No
Purina One Chicken and Rice	Chicken, brewers rice, whole grain corn, corn gluten meal, poultry by-product meal , whole grain wheat, beef tallow (preserved with mixed tocopherols), natural flavors	No
Science Diet Original	Chicken, corn meal , ground grain sorghum, ground wheat, chicken by-product meal, brewers rice , soybean meal, animal fat (preserved with BHA, Propyl gallate, and citric acid)	No
Solid Gold Barking at the Moon	Ocean fish meal, beef, potatoes, pea protein, canola oil (preserved with mixed tocopherols), dried eggs, peas, tomato pomace	No
Taste of the Wild	Bison, salmon, duck, or chicken, sweet potatoes, canola oil, smoked salmon, potato fiber, dried chicory root, tomatoes, blueberries	Yes
Wellness Core Grain Free	Deboned turkey, deboned chicken, turkey meal, chicken meal, potatoes, dried ground potatoes, tomato pomace	Yes

Meat by-products: Pet grade meat by-products consist of organs and parts either not desired, or condemned, for human consumption. This can include bones, blood, intestines, lungs, ligaments, heads, feet, and feathers.

Corn: Corn products are difficult for dogs to digest.

Food Fragments: Lower cost by-products of another food manufacturing process. Examples include wheat bran and brewer's rice (a waste product of the alcohol industry).

Meat and bone meal: "Meat and bone meal", no matter what animal source, are inexpensive sources of animal protein. The protein in a meal containing a large amount of bone may be poorly digestible and fail to provide adequate nutrition.

Animal Fat: Animal fat is a "generic" fat source that is most often made up of rendered animal fat, restaurant grease, or other oils too rancid or deemed inedible for humans. Look for named fat sources, such as poultry or chicken fat, that is naturally preserved.

Chemical Preservatives: Chemical preservatives include butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA, butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT), propyl gallate, propylene glycol (also used as a less-toxic version of automotive antifreeze), and ethoxyquin. BHA, BHT, and ethoxyquin are potentially cancer-causing agents. The long term build-up of these chemicals (that may be eaten every day for the life of your pet!) have not been thoroughly studied and may ultimately be harmful

Sweeteners: Sweeteners such as corn syrup, sugar, and cane molasses are usually added to lower quality foods to increase their appeal. Dietary sugars can aggravate health problems, including diabetes.

Beef Tallow: A low quality fat product