

INGREDIENT INFORMATION

This is just a sample of what you should know about the cat and dog foods that are out there.

Recommended Product: NATURAL BALANCE

Sold at Petco, GooberExpress.com or NaturalBalanceInc.com

Ingredient Listing:

Chicken, Brown Rice, Duck, Lamb Meal, Oatmeal, Pearled Barley, Potatoes, Chicken Fat (preserved with mixed tocopherols-a source of Vitamin E, Citric Acid, and Rosemary Extract), Natural Flavor, Tomato Pomace, Canola Oil, Brewers Yeast, Lecithin, Choline Chloride, Carrots, Potassium Chloride, Whole Ground Flaxseed, Dried Kelp, Salt, Parsley Flakes, Calcium Carbonate, Zinc Proteinates, Ferrous Sulfate, Zinc Sulfate, Vitamin E Supplement, Vitamin B-12 Supplements, Ascorbic Acid (vitamin C), Taurine, Yucca Schidigera Extract, L-Lysine, Manganese Sulfate, Niacin, Riboflavin Supplement (Vitamin B-2), Copper Proteinates, Grape Seed Oil, Copper Sulfate, d-Calcium Pantothenate, Vitamin A Acetate, Inositol, Folic Acid (Vitamin B), Pyridoxine Hydrochloride (Vitamin B-6), Thiamin Mononitrate (Vitamin B-1), D-Activated Animal Sterol (source of Vitamin D-3), Biotin, Ethylene Diamine Dihydriodide (source of Iodine), Cobalt Sulfate, Menadione Sodium Bisulfate Complex (source of Vitamin K activity), Sodium Selenite.

Not Recommended Product: Purina Dog Chow - Little Bites

Ingredient Listing:

Ground yellow corn, soybean meal, beef and bone meal, beef tallow preserved with mixed-tocopherols (source of Vitamin E), corn gluten meal, animal digest, brewers rice, ground wheat, dicalcium phosphate, salt, calcium carbonate, choline chloride, L-Lysine monohydrochloride, zinc sulfate, ferrous sulfate, vitamin supplements (A, E, B-12, D-3), manganese sulfate, niacin, added color (Red 40, Yellow 5, Blue 2), calcium pantothenate, brewers dried yeast, riboflavin supplement, biotin, garlic oil, pyridoxine hydrochloride, Copper sulfate, thiamine mononitrate, folic acid, menadione Sodium bisulfite complex (source Of Vitamin K activity), calcium iodate, sodium selenite.



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DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU ARE FEEDING YOUR CAT AND DOG?

Fifty percent of the meats that are not of human quality are used in dog and cat foods. This consists of bones, blood, intestines, lungs, ligaments, etc. These parts are known as "by-products". You will see listed in the ingredients "meat and poultry meals", "by-product meal", and "meat-and-bone meal". "Meal" means the by-products are not fresh and are instead rendered. Think of what floats to the top of cold soup. The fats and oils are extracted from the water and that is what is used in dog and cat food. This process kills most bacteria, but also destroys natural enzymes and proteins that are essential for continued health and growth.

Most consumer pet foods are made up of wheat, corn, soy (used as protein filler and to make the animals feel more sated after eating), peanut hulls, and other vegetable proteins considered to be fillers. In the wild you will not find a cat or dog chewing on a corn stalk or a peanut hull. Instead they will be chewing on pure protein...meat. The filler that provides the most nutritional value to your furry friend would be white rice, then corn and potatoes. Wheat and oats provide barely any nutritional value and peanut hulls are used strictly as a filler or for it's fiber and provide no nutritional value.

If you examine the list of ingredients for the Purina Dog Chow you will notice that ground yellow corn is the first set of ingredients and is what is mostly used to make up this product. In 2nd place, you will find soybean meal and then finally you get into some protein...if that is what you want to call it. Basically, this brand is full of fillers, additives, and vitamins are added to make up for what is lacking. Cats **MUST** eat meat in order to fulfill certain physiological needs. Why are most products made up of carbohydrates or are corn based? Because corn and carbohydrates are much cheaper than meat.

Chemicals are added to improve the taste, appearance, and stability of pet foods. Additives include emulsifiers are used to prevent water and fat from separating, antioxidants to prevent fat from turning rancid, and of course...artificial flavors for looks and taste. Food pellets are often sprayed down with left over restaurant grease. Often times the barrels of grease are left outside in the heat for days and even weeks before it is picked up. From there it is stabilized with antioxidants and retarded from future spoiling and then used to spray the pellets for flavor. Without the grease, most dogs and cats wouldn't even look twice at the food. Synthetic preservatives that are added are BHA (butylated hydroxyanisole), BHT (butylated hydroxytoluene), propylene glycol (slightly less toxic than antifreeze) and ethoxyquin. All of these are considered to be potential cancer-causing agents.

Products labeled "meat meals" and "by-product meals" are normally highly contaminated with bacteria. This is mainly because the animals used to make these foods are often sick, injured, or died of natural causes. All of which can be left for days before processing of the meat. While cooking the meats can eliminate any E. Coli or Salmonella that were present in the meat, dangerous endotoxins will remain. Endotoxins are bacteria that are released from the animals once they die and can cause sickness and disease within your pet...all of which pet food manufacturers do not test for.

Many of the pet foods have been related to health problems such as, chronic vomiting, inflammatory bowel disease, urinary tract disease, heart disease, etc. Please make sure your cat food contains taurine. Taurine deficiency has been directly related to blindness and heart disease in cats. The supplement replaces the fact that foods are now made with less animal proteins and more carbohydrates.

