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Susan Thixton's

the List

2022

"FOODS I WOULD TRUST TO FEED MY OWN PETS"





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A portion of the work we do is participating in every pet food regulatory meeting. We've attended almost every meeting (two exceptions), two meetings a year, since January 2011. Reports on those meetings are found on TruthaboutPetFood.com. In September 2021 we provided a presentation to FDA based on input received from pet owners regarding the challenges of finding a safe pet food. Also in 2021, we published a white paper evidencing the many failures of the pet food regulatory system. The TruthaboutPetFood.com website publishes all pet food recall notices, maintains a history of recalls dating back to 2007, and publishes many articles throughout the year to help pet owners understand the many 'goings-on' of pet food. The AssociationforTruthinPetFood.com website hosts Pet Food Pledges (to quality and origin) we've received, and hosts the results of the pet food testing we performed several years ago.

How Are Pet Foods Selected for the List?

To be considered for the List, pet food companies have to respond to our long list of questions. With responses, we then ask for verification of claims made. Such as, if a company claims to use human grade meats in their pet foods - they are required to send us verification of human grade meats.

This year, we contacted 57 different pet food companies for consideration. More than 800 emails were sent. Unfortunately many companies simply ignored our emails (multiple attempts). A few companies responded to initial emails, but failed to respond to our questions. Unfortunately, two pet food companies that were on the List last year have gone out of business.

Even if a pet food was included in last year's List, they are required to provide everything new again for this year's List. New answers to my questions, new verification documents. It is time consuming for both the manufacturer to gather and send these documents and for me to review the documents - but...it is necessary in order to validate claims. I read every single verification document, and if I have questions - manufacturers provide me with explanations. It is always inspiring to see the quality of ingredients these companies use (especially knowing that most pet food manufacturers utilize inferior feed grade ingredients).

No pet food company pays a fee to be considered for or included in the List. A few years ago a pet food company gave a pet owner false information stating they were not included in the List because "*we opted not to pay for our review.*" Not true. Every company on the List voluntarily responds to questions and submits verification documents; no pet food company ever pays to be considered for the List. The website or myself personally NEVER accepts money from pet food manufacturers. Myself, TruthaboutPetFood.com and AssociationforTruthinPetFood.com are 100% supported by pet owners.

Why Are Some Companies Excluded?

If you know of a pet food - perhaps even a human grade pet food - that isn't on this List, it could be as simple as I am not aware of the brand or the company didn't respond to my emails. Another reason a brand might not be included in the List is information I've been provided by pet owners. I've been forwarded many emails over the years by pet owners of their correspondence with a pet food brand. I've read emails where a company gave the pet owner false information (such as about regulations), and emails where a pet food company insulted the pet owner. If I find a company treats a pet owner poorly or misleads or lies to a pet owner - that is not a brand I would trust to give my own pets.

Variety

Most of the pet foods on the List are complete and balanced, but some are for supplemental feeding. Supplemental foods are an affordable way to provide your pet some human grade pet food and introduce variety into your pet's diet.

Again, thank you for your purchase. I hope it helps you find a great food for your pet.

Susan Thixton



Explanation of Information Provided

Each manufacturer page of the 2022 List contains the same categories of information, but the details of each category is specific to that particular manufacturer. The categories and why they are important are explained below.

Ingredient Quality, Supplement Quality and Manufacturing

These sections provide details of the quality of food ingredients and supplements - whether they are human grade quality or feed grade quality. Unfortunately, the FDA and each State Department of Agriculture allows pet food to utilize very inferior quality ingredients with no warning or disclosure to the pet owner buying the pet food. For that reason, all pet foods included on the 2022 List are required to provide verification that every food ingredient is of the same quality as human food. While it is preferred that supplements meet human edible standards, it is not a requirement of the 2022 List. Feed grade supplements can be perfectly safe IF the manufacturer properly tests the ingredients and/or pet foods for nutritional adequacy. And it is preferred if a pet food is manufactured in a licensed human food facility because of the required food safety standards, many brands implement all human food safety standards in a licensed pet food facility.

Humanely Raised

It is preferred that meats are sourced from certified humanely raised animals, but it is not a requirement of the 2022 List. Some manufacturers source from certified humanely raised farms, others source from farms that practice humane methods, but are not certified. And some source from traditional meat sources. Each pet food description page provides information to the meat sourcing methods of the company.

Ingredient Country of Origin

Disclosure of country of origin of all ingredients and supplements is a requirement of each pet food considered for the List. You'll notice in the 2022 List a few companies source a few ingredients (supplements) from China. Non-Chinese sourcing is not always easy, and with proper sourcing and follow up testing, not every ingredient from China is a risk.

Packaging and Recycling

This section provides information if packaging contains BPA. BPA is a chemical found in the protective lining of some canned foods and/or found in some pet food packaging. BPA is an "endocrine disruptor chemical"; Endocrine disruptors are chemicals that may interfere with the body's endocrine system and produce adverse developmental, reproductive, neurological, and immune effects. This section also provides information regarding recycling options of packaging.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

Many meat products in pet foods are treated with a denaturing agent. Denaturants are used to visually mark meat products to either declare them as inedible (not for human consumption) or used to visually mark edible meats that are not continuing in the human food process (such as edible meats destined for pet food manufacturing). Some denaturants can be of little risk, some can be high risk. Information provided here discloses if a denaturant is used and what it is. HPP stands for High Pressure Processing, this is a method used to control common bacteria of raw meat. Bacteriophages are a virus used in raw meat products to control the common bacteria of raw meat. While both processes are deemed safe by FDA, they are mentioned in the List for informational purposes.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Proper monitoring of pet food ingredients, nutrients, and potential risks are the responsibility of each manufacturer. This section explains the typical testing procedures of each company.

What You May Not Know

This section included on each manufacturer page is words directly from the manufacturer. Each was asked to provide some additional information about their company or pet food that consumers might not know.

Overview Charts

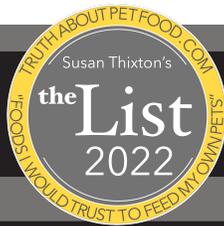
This year the 2022 List overview charts are broken down into cat foods and dog foods; one page for each category.



2022 List Cat Foods

	Human Grade Food Ingredients	Human Grade Supplements	Human Food Manufacturing	Humanely Raised
All Provide	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Amazing Grace	Yes	N/A	Yes	Some
Bixbi	Yes	No	No	No
Caru	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Darwins	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Evermore	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hare Today	Yes	N/A	No	Yes
JustFoodForDogs JustFoodForCats	Yes	Yes	Yes	Some
My Perfect Pet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
OC Raw	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Open Farm	Yes exception some dry food ingredients	Yes exception dry foods	Yes exception dry foods	Yes
Raised Right	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Red Dog Blue Kat	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Savage	Yes	Yes	No	Some
Shine	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Simple Food Project	Yes	N/A	No	Some
Small Batch	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Smalls	Yes only cooked foods, does not include freeze dried	Yes only cooked foods, does not include freeze dried	Some	No
Steve's	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Type	Cost per day 10 lb cat
Cooked, Raw	\$2.00
Cooked	\$3.25 - 4.88
Dry, Freeze Dried, Can	\$3.57
Cooked	\$3.35
Raw	\$1.73 - 2.62
Cooked	In 2022
Raw	\$1.69 - 4.24
Cooked	\$5.42
Cooked	\$3.19 - 3.29
Raw	\$1.33 - 3.25
Cooked, Freeze Dried, Dry	\$3.06
Cooked	\$2.70 - 4.95
Raw	\$2.50 - 4.00
Raw	\$2.00 - 4.00
Cooked, Freeze Dried, Raw	\$3.50 - 4.30
Freeze Dried	\$2.19 - 2.92
Raw, Freeze Dried, Cooked	\$1.69 - 3.17
Cooked	\$2.00
Raw, Freeze Dried	\$1.70 - 2.89



2022 List Dog Foods

	Human Grade Food Ingredients	Human Grade Supplements	Human Food Manufacturing	Humanely Raised	Type	Cost per day 30 lb dog
Albright's	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Raw	\$2.60 - 3.00
All Provide	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Cooked, Raw	\$2.75 - 3.50
Amazing Grace	Yes	N/A	Yes	Some	Cooked	\$12.20 - 14.64
Bixbi	Yes	No	No	No	Dry, Freeze Dried, Can	\$1.09 - 8.69
Caru	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cooked	\$3.75 - 6.25
Chi	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Cooked	\$5.62
Darwins	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Raw	\$4.68 - 6.64
Emma Lou's	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Cooked	\$8.50
Evermore	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cooked	\$8.50 - 10.50
Farmer's Dog	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Cooked	\$7.00 - 8.00
Frenchie's Kitchen	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Cooked	\$7.50 - 9.50
Goodness Gracious	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cooked	\$7.25 - 12.95
Hare Today	Yes	N/A	No	Yes	Raw	\$3.83 - 11.48
JustFoodForDogs JustFoodForCats	Yes	Yes	Yes	Some	Cooked	\$4.55 - 13.60
Lucky Dog Cuisine	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Cooked	\$5.50
My Perfect Pet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cooked	\$5.50 - 7.50
OC Raw	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Raw	\$4.00 - 9.42
Open Farm	Yes exception some dry food ingredients	Yes exception dry foods	Yes exception dry foods	Yes	Cooked, Freeze Dried, Dry	\$1.33 - 8.33
Portland	Yes	N/A	Yes	Some	Cooked	\$1.25 supplemental diet
Raised Right	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Cooked	\$6.88 - 12.43
Raw Bistro	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Raw	\$4.50 - 6.75
Red Dog Blue Kat	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Raw	\$4.00 - 8.00
Rudy Greens	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Cooked	\$2.00 supplemental diet
Shine	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Cooked, Freeze Dried, Raw	\$3.75 - 5.70
Side by Side	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Cooked, Freeze Dried	\$7.49 - 9.17
Simple Food Project	Yes	N/A	No	Some	Freeze Dried	\$2.70 - 3.04
Small Batch	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Raw, Freeze Dried, Cooked	\$5.94 - 11.17
Steve's	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Raw, Freeze Dried	\$3.72 - 8.68
Vibrant K9	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Raw	\$2.52 - 2.91

Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced per AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available in independent pet food stores, co-ops, home delivery distributors, and direct to consumer in continental US.

www.albrightsrawdogfood.com



Albright's Pet Food

Raw pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, verification provided. All other food ingredients are human grade, verification provided.

Supplement Quality

No supplements included, foods are balanced through food ingredients.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in a licensed pet food facility in Indiana.



30 pound dog
\$2.60 - 3.00
bulk pricing

Additional Ingredient Information

Sunflower oil is hi-oleic and cold pressed. Kelp is organic.

Humanely Raised

All meats are sourced from humanely raised animals though not certified.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of dried kelp from Canada.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free, packaging is not recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Each ingredient supplier tests ingredients prior to shipment per required human food regulations, depending on the ingredient this includes pathogenic bacteria and aflatoxin. Finished pet foods are regularly tested for Guaranteed Analysis (protein, fat, fiber, moisture), pathogenic bacteria, and aflatoxins.

How this pet food is made:

Raw meats are ground, remaining ingredients per each recipe are added to the mixer and ground. The complete mixture is ground again and packaged into 2 or 5 pound chubs. Finished products are frozen and kept at 0 degrees F.

What you may not know...

"We sold our meat markets/deli's in 2018 and started producing dog food because dogs (unlike people) sometimes dance for their food."

Cat and Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced per AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available in independent pet food stores in eastern and midwest US, direct to consumer continental US.

www.allprovide.com



All Provide Pet Food

Cooked and raw pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, verification provided.
All other food ingredients are human grade, verification provided.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, verification provided.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured at company owned pet food facility in Georgia built per human food manufacturing standards. Pet food is stored in company owned 1800 sq foot onsite freezer.

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Per Day

10 pound cat
\$2.00

30 pound dog
\$2.75 - 3.50

Additional Ingredient Information

Beef and pork ingredients supplier is approved by Dr. Temple Gradin, renowned humane animal treatment advocate.

Humanely Raised

All meats are sourced from humanely raised animals though not certified.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of some summer vegetables from Canada, winter carrots from Mexico, oregano from Mexico, tumeric from India.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free, currently packaging is not recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Pet food batches are randomly tested for pathogenic bacteria.

How this pet food is made:

Raw ingredients are prepared and combined per recipe nutrition specifications in a sanitary environment, ground and combined with supplements. Raw food is packaged immediately and frozen. Cooked foods are cooked in a steam convection oven to 160 F, allowed to rest overnight at 38 F (to reabsorb moisture/nutrients separated during cooking), packaged and frozen.

What you may not know...

"We have been supplying Monkey's House, a dog hospice and sanctuary, with food since 2016. Monkey's House is a nonprofit that focuses on giving neglected and disabled dogs a happy home. They host about 25 dogs at a time, and the owner of Monkey's House won the CNN Hero award in 2017. All of our recipes are also approved by a licensed veterinarian food therapist."

www.agpetfood.com



Amazing Grace Pet Food

Cooked pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, verification provided.
All other food ingredients are human grade, verification provided.

Supplement Quality

No supplements included, food is balanced through food ingredients.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in a licensed for human food commercial kitchen.



10 pound cat
\$3.25 - 4.88

30 pound dog
\$12.20 - 14.64

Additional Information

This pet food is sold in mason jars, eliminating any plastic and remains shelf stable (unopened) for 12 months.

Humanely Raised

Organ meats (beef and poultry) are sourced from pasture raised animals, though not certified humanely raised.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free and recyclable (product is sold in glass mason jars).

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

All recipes are tested for complete nutritional profile.

How this pet food is made:

Raw materials are combined per recipe specifications and pressure cooked to retain nutrients before being pressure canned. This pet food is a 'canned' pet food the old fashioned method via mason jars. This process enables shelf stability for 12 months without the use of preservatives or cold storage space. Once opened, food must be refrigerated (up to 7 days) or frozen (up to 3 months).

What you may not know...

"Amazing Grace Pet Food is a small, woman-owned business inspired by the owner's cat, Grace, whose chronic illnesses and terminal cancer diagnosis were caused by pet food industry shortcuts. Our veterinarian-developed recipes are crafted to care for sensitive stomachs, appeal to the pickiest of eaters, and fulfill our mission to improve pet health through quality nutrition."

Cat and Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced per AAFCO nutrient profiles, plus company has completed a feeding trial for kibble dog food.

Available in independent pet food stores, online retailers, grocery chains, and direct to consumer continental US.

www.bixbipet.com



BIXBI Pet Food

Dry, freeze dried, can pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, verification provided.
All other food ingredients are human grade, verification provided.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are feed grade, most are natural sources (not synthetic).

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in licensed pet food facilities, dry foods in Minnesota, freeze-dried in Oregon, wet food in South Dakota.



10 pound cat
\$3.57

30 pound dog
\$1.09 - 8.69

Additional Ingredient Information

BIXBI audits each ingredient supplier prior to doing business.

Humanely Raised

No.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of duck from France, lamb from New Zealand, vitamin E from Switzerland and Germany, Nicotinic Acid from India and Switzerland, D-Ca-Pantothenate from Scotland and Germany, vitamin A from Switzerland and Germany, vitamin B2 from Germany and Korea, vitamin A and D3 from Switzerland, vitamin B12 from France, vitamin B1 from Germany, vitamin B6 from Germany, and Folic Acid from France.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free, some packaging is recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No denaturing or bacteriophages, freeze-dried foods are treated with HPP.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Raw ingredients are tested quarterly for heavy metals. Every batch of pet food is tested to ensure protein, fat, moisture, fiber, vitamins, and minerals meet specifications. Every batch of pet food is tested for pathogenic bacteria and mold and held for negative result.

How this pet food is made:

Dry Food: Fresh meat and dry ingredients are mixed, gently steam cooked and formed in the extruder. The cooking temperature never exceeds 212F. No water is added during processing, kibble cooks in its own juices. It is dried, cooled and packaged.

Freeze-Dried: Ingredients are blended and treated with HPP. Product is shaped into bite size pieces and sent through instant quick freeze. The frozen pieces are freeze dried between 16-20 hours and packaged.

Wet Food: Ingredients are blended, and cans are filled and hermetically sealed. The cans are cooked in a steam retort, which is a large chamber into which steam is pumped under high pressure. Cans are removed, cooled and labeled.

What you may not know...

"In 2020 BIXBI launched [Drool Magazine](#). It is a quarterly magazine written as a celebration of our canine companions. DROOL is available for purchase on our website and a complimentary copy is sent to all BIXBI subscribers."

Cat and Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced per AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available in independent pet stores continental US, Canada and some distribution in South Korea and Kuwait.

www.carupetfood.com



Caru Pet Food

Cooked pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, verified by manufacturing in a human food facility.

All other food ingredients are human grade, verified by manufacturing in a human food facility.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, verified by manufacturing in a human food facility.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in Wisconsin at a licensed human food facility, under USDA inspection.



Per Day

10 pound cat
\$3.35

30 pound dog
\$3.75 - 6.25

Additional Ingredient Information

All pet food ingredient suppliers are required to provide letters of guarantee, country of origin, human grade verification, and non-GMO verification.

Humanely Raised

All beef, chicken, turkey, pork and lamb meats are sourced from certified humanely raised animals.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of lamb from New Zealand, tapioca starch from US, Thailand, and/or Germany, some vitamins from Poland, some vitamins from Germany, one (vitamin E) from Spain, tricalcium phosphate from Germany, selenium yeast from Canada, Serbia/Montenegro, taurine and some fish broth from Japan, flavor ingredient (cat stews) from Serbia.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free and recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

All ingredients are tested per human food specifications for pathogenic bacteria. All batches of pet food are tested for pathogenic bacteria and held for results. All recipes are tested for complete nutritional profile yearly.

How this pet food is made:

Raw ingredients are combined per recipe specifications in a kettle and warmed. Packages are sterilized and kept within a sterile environment. Pet food is pumped into packages, sealed, and cooked at 245 F for about an hour.

What you may not know...

"We're Pamela and Adrian Pettyan. CARU got it's start with our home cooking to help our own dog Karu who suffered from chronic allergies. Karu did so well on our home cooking, we wanted to provide the same good food to other pet parents and Caru was launched in 2014. Did you know the food is cooked right in the box to keep all the nutrients in the box!"

Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced per AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available direct to consumer from company website.

www.chidog.com



Chi Dog Food

Cooked pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, verified as manufactured in a human food facility.

All other food ingredients are human grade, verified as manufactured in a human food facility.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, verified as manufactured in a human food facility.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in a licensed human food facility, under hours of inspection, in California.



Per Day

30 pound dog
\$5.62

Additional Ingredient Information

Company requires letter of warranty to quality of ingredient and country of origin from each ingredient supplier.

Humanely Raised

No.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of some flaxseed meal from Canada, some minerals from Philippines and Canada, choline chloride and multiple vitamins from China.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free and recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Monthly testing on pet foods for mold, yeast, and pathogenic bacteria. Sanitation testing is performed on all machinery each week.

How this pet food is made:

Meats are all ground, then baked on a sheet pan at 265 degrees. Carbohydrates are boiled until cooked, then drained and added to chopped vegetables. These non-meat ingredients are cooked and mixed in a large kettle, then combined with the cooked meat, vitamins and minerals. Food is portioned, packaged and frozen.

What you may not know...

“Our diets are based on Traditional Chinese Food Therapy so we use specific whole food ingredients to improve and prevent chronic imbalances in the body. Holistic vets use food therapy with the same intention as acupuncture and herbal therapies. Our diets use no organ meat, all our diets are very low in carbohydrate, (between 7 and 10% on the guaranteed analysis), meaning they are all high in meat.”

Cat and Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced per AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available direct to consumer all US states.

www.darwinspet.com



Darwin's Pet Food

Raw pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, verification provided.
All other food ingredients are human grade, verification provided.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, verification provided.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in company owned pet food facility in Seattle, WA.



10 pound cat
\$1.73 - 2.62

30 pound dog
\$4.68 - 6.64

Additional Ingredient Information

Certificates of Analysis are required from all ingredient suppliers.

Humanely Raised

Meats are sourced from humanely raised animals but not certified.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of beef from Ireland and lamb from New Zealand, and vitamins and minerals from US, Belgium, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, France, Germany, and Canada.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free, primary packaging (plastic container) is recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Incoming raw ingredients are tested for pathogens (i.e., salmonella, listeria, E.coli) by suppliers and spot checks by Darwin's. Yearly testing is performed on finished pet food for nutritional analysis.

How this pet food is made:

Raw materials are batch weighed, ground and mixed with oils and supplements. Pet food is portioned into packages, frozen and held until shipment to customers.

What you may not know...

"Our passion for pets extends beyond our recipes. We work to provide as many pets as possible with healthy, happy lives by supporting small shelters and rescues across the country, by offering discounts to our customers with service dogs, and by providing free food to foster pets."

Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced to AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available direct to consumer continental US.

www.emmalouskitchen.com



Emma Lou's Pet Food

Cooked pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, verification provided.
All other food ingredients are human grade, verification provided.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, verification provided.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in a company owned licensed for human food facility in Oregon.



30 pound dog
\$8.50

Additional Information

Pet foods are not manufactured under constant USDA oversight, however the facility is inspected during hours of operation - when pet foods are in production.

Humanely Raised

No.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free and recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

All recipes are tested for complete nutritional profile once a year.

What you may not know...

"We have been family owned and operated since 2007 and we use our own commercial kitchen facility to cook in. No co-packers, we are in control of every step of production. We take pride in the fact that many of our furry customers are seniors that started out on our formulas as puppies."

How this pet food is made:

All food ingredients are fresh and locally sourced. Raw materials are prepared and cooked in commercial pressure cookers, combined by hand per recipe specifications. Foods are pressure cooked, packaged in pouches, vacuum sealed and frozen.

Cat and Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced to AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available direct to consumer across continental US, available in some independent pet stores and veterinary practices.

www.evermorepetfood.com



Evermore Pet Food

Cooked, wet pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are USDA inspected and approved for human consumption, verified as made in a licensed human food facility.

All other food ingredients are approved for human consumption, verified as made in a licensed human food facility.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, verified as made in a licensed human food facility.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in a licensed and inspected human food facility in California.



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Per Day

10 pound cat
Expected 2022

30 pound dog
\$8.50 - 10.50

Additional Ingredient Information

Beef and lamb pasture raised - certified regenerative Land to Market verified by the Savory Institute, eggs sourced from pasture raised chickens. Fish oil is certified wild caught, blueberries are wild, all other food ingredients (excluding meats) are certified organic. High-Linoleic Safflower Oil is non-GMO.

Humanely Raised

All meats (beef, chicken, turkey, lamb) are sourced from certified humanely raised animals.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the USA with the exception of lamb from New Zealand, Kelp from Canada, and Safflower oil from Mexico and/or Turkey (purchased only when US crop not available).

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free, confirmed by independent testing which also confirms pouches are free of heavy metals and phthalate compounds. Shipping containers are recyclable and insulation material is biodegradable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

All dry ingredients, oils, produce and eggs are received with a certificate of analysis (COA) from supplier. Supplements are received with COA but are re-tested individually by the manufacturer. Once supplements are combined, the complete blend is tested for potency/purity. Meats are tested by supplier for pathogenic bacteria. Every batch of finished pet food is tested for guaranteed analysis, minerals, and pathogenic bacteria. Random testing is performed for vitamins, amino acids, fatty acids and pH. Complete nutritional analysis has been performed on every recipe. Testing results are posted on the pet food website.

How this pet food is made:

Raw materials are measured, batched and combined in a large chopper/mixer, then ground fine and moved into pouches, vacuum-sealed and cooked to 159 degrees for beef and lamb, 165 degrees for chicken and turkey. Pouches are cooled and frozen. The batch is held until testing results received and batch is approved.

What you may not know...

"A decade ago, co-founder Hanna adopted spokesperson Sharkita from [Badass Brooklyn Animal Rescue](#). At first, Shark's skin, coat, and tummy were in rough shape, but thanks to the transformative magic of Evermore, her woes were short-lived. Since then, we have been donating food to Badass for their most vulnerable and medically compromised rescues. We also regularly contribute food for fundraising efforts around the country."

Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced to AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available direct to consumer continental US.

www.thefarmersdog.com



The Farmer's Dog Pet Food

Cooked pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, verified by requirements of human food manufacturing facility.

All other food ingredients are human grade, verified by requirements of human food manufacturing facility.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade per requirements of human food manufacturing facility.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in licensed human food facility, under inspection.



Per Day

30 pound dog
\$7.00 - 8.00

Additional Ingredient Information

Ingredient suppliers are required to provide certificates of analysis including microbiological testing, toxin evaluation and nutritional specifications.

Humanely Raised

No.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in North America and Europe.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free and recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

All incoming ingredients have been tested for pathogens and arrive with certificate of analysis. Every batch of pet food is tested for microbial contamination, guaranteed analysis, and certain vitamins and minerals. All recipes are tested quarterly for complete nutritional profile.

What you may not know...

"The Farmer's Dog is committed to reimagining the pet food industry. This year, we've launched a DIY service to allow home cooks to prepare fresh, complete meals with peace-of-mind; we've partnered with rescues and shelters to give our most vulnerable companions a fresh start; and we've worked with legislators in New York State to advocate for a bill that brings clarity and integrity to pet food labeling."

How this pet food is made:

Ingredients are gently steamed, flash-frozen to protect nutritional integrity, and then tested for dangerous pathogens and nutritional adequacy..

Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced per AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available direct to consumer continental US.

<https://www.frenchieskitchen.com>



Frenchie's Kitchen Pet Food

Cooked pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, per requirement of human food manufacturing. All other food ingredients are human grade, per requirement of human food manufacturing.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, required per human food manufacturing.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in a licensed human food facility in California, manufactured under inspection.



30 pound dog
\$7.50 - 9.50

Additional Ingredient Information

All suppliers are required to provide letters of guarantee and a certificate of analysis for each ingredient.

Humanely Raised

No.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All food ingredients and supplements originate in the US.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free and recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

All ingredients are received with Certificate of Analysis providing nutritional content and proof ingredients are pathogen and toxin free. All meats are tested for pathogenic bacteria prior to manufacturing. Each batch of pet food is tested for pathogenic bacteria, yeast, and mold. Products are held until negative results are received.

How this pet food is made:

All meats are gently cooked at low temps to meet USDA minimum standards – 145 degrees beef and 165 degrees poultry. Vegetables are steamed separately. Vitamins are added after the food is chilled to maintain their nutritional integrity. Product is hand packed and frozen.

What you may not know...

“Since 2007, we have donated 10% of our gross revenue to spay/neuter programs across the country. In 2019 we started the Feral Cat Condo Project which repurposes our shippers to create homes for feral cat communities providing this population with safe, centralized environments where no kittens are born.”

Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced to AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available in independent pet stores and natural grocers within continental US, and ships direct to consumer.

www.goodnessgraciousco.com



Goodness Gracious Pet Food

Cooked, wet pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are USDA inspected and approved for human consumption, verified as made in a licensed human food facility.

All other food ingredients are approved for human consumption, verified as made in a licensed human food facility.

Supplement Quality

No supplements used, balanced through food ingredients.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in a licensed and inspected human food facility in Massachusetts.

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Per Day

30 pound dog
\$7.25 - 12.95

Additional Ingredient Information

All suppliers of ingredients are 3rd party audited to assure ingredient traceability, testing, monitoring, and sanitation procedures.

Humanely Raised

Chicken is certified humanely raised, most fish is certified wild caught. Beef is sourced from pasture raised animals, though not certified humanely raised.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the USA except for oysters and kelp from Canada, pasture-raised beef from Costa Rica, mackerel and fish oil from Iceland, walnut oil from France.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free. Some packaging is compostable, remaining packaging is recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Ingredients are tested by the supplier for pathogens, molds, heavy metals and/or other contaminants per the specifications of their food safety certification programs for human food. A complete nutritional profile testing is performed for each pet food recipe and repeated with any ingredient or recipe change. Pet foods are randomly tested for pathogens.

What you may not know...

"Goodness Gracious is a small USA manufacturer of human-grade food and treats for dogs and cats that gives 51% of its profits to animal charities. We handcraft everything in small batches in our own licensed and inspected human food facility using only 100% healthy whole foods. Our company is woman-owned, diversely teamed and committed to ethical sourcing and the environment."

How this pet food is made:

Meats, poultry, eggs, oysters, oil, vegetables and some fruits arrive fresh; fish and other fruits arrive frozen. Proteins, eggs, and produce are cooked separately in a combination of steam and convection to safe internal temperatures. Cooked ingredients are rapidly cooled to protect nutritional integrity and ensure food safety, and then all ingredients are combined thoroughly, portioned into one pound BPA-free packages and frozen. This pet food uses no vitamin or mineral supplements, it is complete and balanced through whole food ingredients.

www.hare-today.com



Hare Today Pet Food

Raw pet food

Ingredient Quality

Most ingredients are USDA inspected human edible, verification provided. Some ingredients such as whole prey mice are not considered human edible.

Supplement Quality

No supplements included.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in company owned pet food facility in Pennsylvania.



10 pound cat
\$1.69 - 4.24
includes fish oil
and Alnutrin

30 pound dog
\$3.83 - 11.48
includes fish oil

Additional Information

Hare Today manufactures pet foods based on prey model diet. The company website provides a calculated (per USDA Food Database) nutritional analysis on many products. The company also provides detailed supplier information on their website.

Humanely Raised

Company sources many ingredients from local farms raising animals with humane practices though not certified. Information on their support of local farms is found on pet food website.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with exception of some beef, goat, lamb from Australia, elk, goat, lamb, venison from New Zealand, salmon oil and salmon from Canada, sardine oil from Iceland and Norway, sardines from Morocco and France, taurine from Japan, bully sticks from South America, India and Mexico.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free, most packaging is recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

Some beef organs and green tripe - all sourced from USDA inspected and passed animals - are treated with green dye denaturing. The dye is removed prior to use. Further explanation is provided on company website. No use of HPP or bacteriophages.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

On a weekly basis, raw ingredients and finished products are randomly tested for pathogenic bacteria. Each product/ingredient is tested a minimum of three times a year.

How this pet food is made:

All raw ingredients are ground frozen. Mixes are portioned into bags and held in company walk-in freezers.

What you may not know...

“Over the years, Hare Today joined forces with the Humane Society’s [Pets with Wings](#) program, helping to find homes for pets and save lives.”

Cat and Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced per AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available in Petco and Pet Food Express and direct to consumer continental US.

www.justfoodfordogs.com



JustFoodForDogs JustFoodForCats Pet Food Cooked pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, verification provided.
All other food ingredients are human grade, verification provided.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, verification provided.

Manufacturing

Company owned kitchens in California, Illinois and Delaware. Both the CA and IL kitchens are licensed human food facilities - DE is pending human grade status. PantryFresh products are produced in a pet food facility in Wisconsin.



10 pound cat
\$5.42

30 pound dog
\$4.55 - 13.60

Additional Ingredient Information

Memorandum of Understanding agreements are established with each ingredient supplier, specification sheets for each ingredient are maintained by the company.

Humanely Raised

Some meats are sourced from humanely raised animals, though not all.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All food ingredients originate in the US, Mexico (some produce) and New Zealand (lamb and venison).

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free, some packaging material is recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Each supplier provides specification sheets for ingredients. New ingredients are tested for nutrients. Every batch of pet food is tested for pathogenic bacteria, pet foods are held until clean results are received. Each diet is tested for complete nutritional analysis every 3 - 6 months.

How this pet food is made:

Raw materials are lightly cooked at minimum FDA temperatures in large tilt skillets (cafeteria style), then flash cooled and packaged.

What you may not know...

"The founders of JustFoodForDogs wrote the book Big Kibble, challenging the kibble industry and our brand has published multiple studies in reputable scientific journals."

Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced per AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available direct to consumer US (including Hawaii) and Canada.

www.luckydogcuisine.com
www.luckydogcuisine.ca



Lucky Dog Cuisine Pet Food

Cooked pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients (both US and Canada products) are human grade, verification provided.
All other food ingredients (both US and Canada) are human grade, verification provided.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade (US and Canada), verification provided.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in a company owned pet food kitchen, inspected by USDA.



Per Day

30 pound dog
\$5.50

Additional Ingredient Information

Certificates of analysis for each ingredient is required, confirming human edible status. US fruits and vegetables are non-GMO.

Humanely Raised

All meats in US foods are sourced from certified humanely raised animals. Pollock is wild caught, used in both US and Canadian made foods.

Ingredient Country of Origin

US foods: All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of Quinoa from Canada, some Pollock from Iceland, Oregano from Greece, Extra virgin olive oil from Italy. Canadian foods: meats, fish, all fruits, vegetables, and grains are sourced from Canada.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free, most packaging is recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

All ingredients are tested for pathogenic bacteria by suppliers. All recipes are tested for guaranteed analysis (protein, fiber, starch, moisture) every six months. Finished pet foods are tested for E.coli, coliform, and Listeria weekly.

How this pet food is made:

Raw materials are prepared per recipe specifications. Steam kettles cook the meats to minimum food safety requirements. Animal fats are drained, extra virgin olive oil and remaining ingredients are added, mixed, cooled to room temperature and vacuum sealed in one pound packages. Packages are labeled and frozen to minus 10 degrees F.

The Canadian manufacturing is in a commercial kitchen, prepared similarly except using convection burners, cooking stove top.

What you may not know...

"Lucky Dog Cuisine has been serving fresh cooked, whole food meals for dogs for over 14 years. We are a self funded, family run company based on a 50 year tradition of showing love through healthy food. We use unique ingredients like extra virgin olive oil, cheese and yogurt with humanely raised, grass fed meats to ensure your dog has the best chance of a healthy life."

Cat and Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced per AAFCO nutrient profiles with exception to Low Phosphorus recipes.

Available in independent pet food stores and direct to consumer all 50 US states.

www.mypetperfect.com



My Perfect Pet Food

Cooked pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, verified per USDA manufacturing requirements. All other food ingredients are human grade, verified per USDA manufacturing requirements.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, verified per USDA manufacturing requirements.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in company owned licensed human food facility, under continual USDA inspection.



Per Day

10 pound cat
\$3.19 - 3.29

30 pound dog
\$5.50 - 7.50

Additional Ingredient Information

Employees of My Perfect Pet are provided the opportunity to purchase the same food ingredients (at cost), such as chicken, for their own personal family use.

Humanely Raised

All meats are sourced from humanely raised animals.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients and supplements originate in the U.S. with the exception of some lamb from Australia or New Zealand, and coconut oil from Philippines.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free, all packaging is recyclable except for plastic pouch for 3.5 pound products. All cartons, shipping containers and case boxes are made from 100% recycled materials.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Facility, ingredients, and finished products are routinely tested for pathogens according to FSIS and USDA standards for human food. Tests include Salmonella, Listeria, E.coli, mycotoxins, total coliforms. All recipes are tested for complete nutritional profile when developed and any time there is a change in formulation or ingredients.

What you may not know...

How this pet food is made:

Boneless skinless proteins are baked to minimum temperatures recommended by FDA for food safety. Whole potatoes or whole grain rice (if used in the blend) are baked to recommended temperatures then flash cooled to convert the starch into a resistant starch. Fresh vegetables or fruit are added raw. All ingredients are finely ground. Supplements are blended with baked meats and raw produce, then formed into food bars and frozen. The bars are either individually wrapped and placed in 3.5# pouches, or placed unwrapped in 15# cartons.

"Every pet owned by MPP staff (except one) is a rescue. For pets, our company supports a variety of rescue organizations, spay and neuter clinics, and pet provided therapy organizations. For their people, we support in a number of local charities providing coats and blankets for kids, tools and supplies to improve education, and better nutrition for the whole family, even the ones without paws."

www.ocrawdog.com



OC Raw Pet Food

Raw pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are sourced from inspected and passed animals, verified by documents provided by the company. All other food ingredients are human edible, verified by documents provided by the company.

Supplement Quality

All supplements are human grade, verified by documents provided.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in a company owned facility in California.



10 pound cat
\$1.33 - 3.25

30 pound dog
\$4.00 - 9.42

Additional Ingredient Information

All ingredient suppliers are required to follow all human food safety protocols. Meats are purchase 'bone-in' and are ground bone-in to provide natural source of calcium and phosphorus.

Humanely Raised

All meats are sourced from humanely raised animals though not certified.

Ingredient Country of Origin

Most ingredients and supplements originate in the US, some ingredients original in Australia and New Zealand.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free, recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

Freeze dried foods are treated with HPP. No denaturing ingredient or bacteriophages.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Meat ingredients are received being tested for pathogenic bacteria. Company regularly tests manufacturing area (machines, utensils, and manufacturing tools) for pathogenic bacteria. Each recipe has been tested for a complete nutritional analysis and is re-tested with any formulation change.

What you may not know...

How this pet food is made:

Meats are received and processed frozen. Fruits, vegetables and supplements are added and then formed into portion sizes (patty or bite size). Packed into bags and then cases and frozen.

"We humbly began OC Raw Dog not with the intention of wanting to start a dog food business but with the intention of making the best possible cost efficient food for our dogs. At the time we were breeding Spanish mastiffs who ate a lot. The new owners of the puppies wanted to maintain the diet and told their friends and family, and thus OC Raw was born. We are a family owned and operated business that has grown by our customers who continue to support us."

www.openfarmpet.com



Open Farm Pet Food

Dry, freeze dried and cooked pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients for all styles of pet food are fit for human consumption. Fish meal is feed grade (kibble foods), ethoxyquin free.

All other food ingredients in all styles of pet food are fit for human consumption with the exception of tomato pomace (kibble foods).

Supplement Quality

Supplements in freeze dried, wet and gently cooked foods are human grade. Supplements in dry foods are feed grade.

Manufacturing

Freeze dried, wet foods, bone broths and kefir/goat milk products are manufactured in licensed human food facilities. Dry cat and dog foods are manufactured in pet food facilities.



10 pound cat
\$3.06

30 pound dog
\$1.33 - 8.33

Additional Information

Freeze dried, wet foods, bone broths and kefir/goat milk products are human grade. Kibble foods use mainly human grade ingredients, but are considered feed grade due to pet food manufacturing and feed grade supplements.

Humanely Raised

All meats in all styles of pet foods are sourced from certified humanely raised animals.

Ingredient Country of Origin

Meat ingredients are sourced from US and Canada with some sourced from Australia, New Zealand, and England. Vitamins and minerals are sourced from US, Canada, Mexico, Europe, India, Germany, Finland, Latvia and South Korea. Most other food ingredients are sourced from US with exceptions of chicory root from Belgium and Mexico, coconut oil from Malaysia, Philippines and Indonesia, chia seeds from Paraguay, taurine from Japan, salmon oil from Alaska, Chile and/or Norway, sweet potatoes from Honduras, yucca schidigera from Mexico, turmeric from India, Cinnamon from Indonesia, Vietnam or Sri Lanka, Sunflower Lecitin from Netherlands and fenugreek seeds from India. Company website provides country of origin information for every batch.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free and recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

Dry pet foods poultry ingredients are treated with charcoal denaturant. No other meat ingredients in any style of food is denatured. Freeze Dried pet foods are treated with HPP, no other style of pet food is treated with HPP. No bacteriophages.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Raw ingredients arrive with certificate of analysis for pathogenic bacteria. Every batch of every style of pet food is tested for guaranteed analysis and pathogenic bacteria prior to distribution. All recipes are tested for complete nutritional profile, pesticide residue, mycotoxins and heavy metals on a rotational basis.

How this pet food is made:

Freeze Dried: ingredients are mixed and treated by HPP. Blend is formed, and freeze dried, tested, packaged and shipped.

Wet: ingredients are mixed and cooked at 165 F for 35-45 minutes. Blend is packaged, sealed, cooked via retort. Product is tested and held for results.

Gently cooked: meats are ground and mixed per formulation. Product is portioned and vacuum sealed, and steamed until they reach an internal temp of 165 F. Product is chilled and frozen.

What you may not know...

"Open Farm has set [Science Based Targets](#) to significantly reduce its carbon emissions over the next decade, in line with the 1.5-degree Celsius goals of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. As a first step in this journey, Open Farm is fully offsetting the carbon emissions from its direct operations and manufacturing by supporting verified preservation programs in the US, Canada and Mexico."

www.portlandpetfoodcompany.com



Portland Pet Food Company

Cooked pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, verified by documents provided.
All other food ingredients are human grade, verified by documents provided.

Supplement Quality

No supplements included, intended for supplemental feeding.

Manufacturing

Pet Foods are manufactured in a FDA Licensed Facility and in Oregon licensed for human food and pet food by Oregon Dept of Agriculture.



30 pound dog
\$1.25
Supplemental Feeding

Additional Ingredient Information

This company is an approved member of the Good Food Guild, accepting members based on quality of ingredient suppliers.

Humanely Raised

The company strives to source certified humanely raised meats, but cannot guarantee all.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free, pouches are Terracycle recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Each batch of pet food is tested for pathogenic bacteria and yeast/mold. All meals are tested for full nutritional profile when developed. All meals are tested for guaranteed analysis twice a year.

How this pet food is made:

Raw materials are combined and slightly cooked in a kettle before they are sealed into a retort pouch. The meals/treats finish cooking in the pouch which is hermetically sealed to create a shelf stable meal with no need for preservatives or additives.

What you may not know...

"Portland Pet Food Company focuses on simplicity and keeping true to creating products with limited ingredients that are healthy and nutritious. 5% of all Portland Pet Food Company's net profits are donated to local non-profit animal shelters and programs. Our motto is 'Crafted by Humans - Loved by Dogs.'"

Cat and Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced to AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available in independent pet stores in continental US and Canada and direct to consumer.

www.raisedrightpets.com



Raised Right Pet Food

Cooked pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade as required by USDA manufacturing facility.
All other food ingredients are human grade as required by USDA manufacturing facility.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are food based (egg shell powder, kelp powder) and are human grade as required by USDA manufacturing facility.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in a USDA inspected human food facility in Pennsylvania. Manufactured under USDA inspection.



\$

Per Day

10 pound cat
\$2.70 - 4.95

30 pound dog
\$6.88 - 12.43

Additional Ingredient Information

All suppliers of ingredients are required to provide a Letter of Guarantee that includes a certificate of analysis specification sheet, verification of origin and certify human grade ingredient status.

Humanely Raised

No.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of Flaxseed Oil from Canada, Cod Liver Oil from Norway, and Organic Kelp Powder from Canada.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free. Shipping boxes are recyclable and liners are compostable. Two pound product bags are recyclable. One pound product bags are not recyclable at this time. Raised Right has started the process of becoming Plastic Neutral Certified through rePurpose Global and has partnered with Carbonfund.org to offset the carbon emissions coming from their home delivery service shipments through reforestation & forest preservation.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

All batches of pet food are tested for pathogenic bacteria, held by the company until products pass safety tests. All results are posted on the company website.

How this pet food is made:

Raw meat is ground and mixed with herbs and oils. This mixture is lightly cooked in an oven to 162 degrees F. Fruit and vegetables are cooked separately and chilled. Meat mixture is combined with fruit and vegetable mixture and packaged, then frozen to minus 10 degrees F. Finished pet foods are stored per human food regulation.

What you may not know...

"Raised Right has formulated limited ingredient recipes that are high in protein and low in carbs. Most of their recipes have less than 2% carbs because they don't use any high carb ingredients like potato, rice, oats, yam, pasta, barley, parsnips, corn, or wheat."

Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced per AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available in independent pet stores midwest US to west coast
and direct to consumer continental US.

www.rawbistro.com



Raw Bistro Pet Food

Raw pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, verification provided.
All other food ingredients are human grade, verification provided.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, verification provided.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in company owned pet food facility in Minnesota.



30 pound dog
\$4.50 - 6.75

Additional Ingredient Information

All suppliers are required to provide human grade letters of guarantee and ingredient specifications. Coconut oil, kelp, beets, blueberries, broccoli, butternut squash, carrots, celery, cranberries, green beans, kale, bell peppers, spinach, strawberries, sweet potatoes, and vinegar are certified organic, verification provided.

Humanely Raised

All meats are sourced from humanely raised animals (pasture raised), poultry is certified humanely raised.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of kelp from Iceland, oyster shell powder from Dominican Republic and coconut oil from Philippines.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free, shipping containers are recyclable and/or degradable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

A complete nutritional profile is performed when any new ingredient supplier is added or formulation changes. Half of batches are tested for pathogenic bacteria, yeast, mold and water activity - on a rotational basis.

How this pet food is made:

A strict HACCP program (the same required for human food) is followed from the time raw ingredients are received through when the product is shipped. Meats are ground; produce is pureed. Ingredients are mixed together with oils, other whole foods and supplements, then formed into 2 or 8 oz patties. Patties are packed into bags, weighed, sealed, sent through a metal detector and packaged into cases.

What you may not know...

"We're honored to support a local police dog (Ambush) to keep him fueled with our food. Ambush retired at the end of 2020 and is doing great! Follow our social media for a new police pup coming in 2022."

www.reddogbluekat.com



Red Dog Blue Kat Pet Food

Raw pet food

Ingredient Quality

All ingredients are human grade with the exception of green tripe (not considered human edible), verification provided. All other food ingredients are human edible, verification provided.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, verification provided.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in company owned facility in British Columbia, CA. The facility is a pet food plant, however it is audited by an independent 3rd party.



10 pound cat
\$2.50 - 4.00

30 pound dog
\$4.00 - 8.00

Additional Ingredient Information

Each ingredient supplier is required to provide documentation of their Quality Assurance program through either certification or audit documents.

Humanely Raised

All meats are sourced from humanely raised animals, however only some come from certified humanely raised suppliers.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All meat ingredients originate in Canada, New Zealand and Australia. Remaining ingredients are organic sourced from Canada, US and Mexico.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free. Boxes and plastic bags are recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No denaturing or HPP treatment of ingredients, all poultry products and green tripe are treated with bacteriophages.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Raw ingredients are tested for Salmonella and E coli. All formulas are coliform plate tested daily, poultry products are tested for Salmonella. All formulas have been tested for full vitamin and mineral content and are retested every 5 years or with any recipe change. Environmental listeria testing is performed daily.

How this pet food is made:

Raw meats are ground and blended with fresh vegetables per each recipe. Supplements, probiotics and bacteriophages are added - then portioned into vacuum sealed pouches then then frozen. Foods are manufactured and stored at the same company facility.

What you may not know...

"We believe that it is our social responsibility to help our community and our environment. We work with several Canadian rescues and donate raw food to them on a bi-monthly basis to support specific dogs in the rescue program, as well as collect donations from our retail partners for these rescues."

Dog Food

Supplemental diets and custom formulated diets complete and balanced per NRC.

Available in some Kroger stores, independent pet stores and direct to consumer.

www.rudygreens.com



Rudy Greens Pet Food

Cooked pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, verified as made in a licensed human food facility. All other food ingredients are human grade, verified as made in a licensed human food facility.

Supplement Quality

No supplements included. Custom diets are balanced through food ingredients.

Manufacturing

Doggy Cuisine products are manufactured in a USDA human food facility under hours of inspection. Custom Cuisine pet foods are manufactured in a private kitchen.



Per Day

30 pound dog
\$2.00

Additional Ingredient Information

All ingredient suppliers are required to provide Letters of Assurance to human grade status.

Humanely Raised

No.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free and recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

All batches are tested for pathogenic bacteria, yeast and mold.

How this pet food is made:

Raw materials are weighed according to recipe specification. Mixture is heated to a minimum of 180 F, then packaged, chilled and frozen.

What you may not know...

"Karla Haas, owner of Rudy Greens, formulated a special diet for the Louisville Zoo's pair of maned wolves. Because of the success of the diet, the birth of the first pups in decades, Washington D.C.'s National Zoo ordered the food for their maned wolves. Rudy Greens also makes and delivers human grade pet foods to local animal shelters every Thanksgiving and Christmas."

Cat Food

Formulated complete and balanced to AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available in independent pet food stores and direct to consumer.

www.SavageCatFood.com



Savage Pet Food

Raw pet food



SAVAGE CAT FOOD.™



Per Day

10 pound cat
\$2.00 - 4.00

Ingredient Quality

All meats are human grade, verification provided.
All other food ingredients are human grade, verification provided.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, verification provided.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in company owned commercial kitchen, regulated and inspected by California Dept of Food and Agriculture.

Additional Ingredient Information

Meat and egg ingredients are required to be received with USDA seal of inspection. Certificate of analysis is provided with each supplement.

Humanely Raised

Chicken is sourced from certified humanely raised animals.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of Glandular supplements from New Zealand, Vitamin B and Taurine from China, Psyllium husk powder from India.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free and recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Each supplement is tested by supplier and certificate of analysis is provided. All recipes are tested quarterly for pathogenic bacteria. All recipes are tested annually for full nutritional profile.

How this pet food is made:

Raw meats are ground together with egg yolks and supplements in a controlled temperature environment. Ozonated water is added to the mixture to kill any pathogens. Mixture is packaged into tubs or packets and frozen. Processing facility is filled with ozonated air at the end of each day.

What you may not know...

"We are just a small mom and pop company focused on manufacturing top notch cat food. Savage Cat Food is 100% family owned and operated."

Cat and Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced per nutritionist Dr. Richard Patton, feeding trial performed to validate complete nutrition. All pet foods meet AAFCO standards with the exception of zinc and copper.

Available in company owned retail stores in New Mexico and Colorado, available in some independent pet stores within same states, and available direct to consumer continental US.

www.shine.pet



Shine Pet Food

Formerly Marty's Meals

Cooked, freeze dried and raw pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade and organic, verification provided.

All other food ingredients are human grade and organic, verification provided.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, verification provided.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured at company owned commercial kitchen in Santa Fe, NM, facility has USDA organic certification.



10 pound cat
\$3.50 - 4.30

30 pound dog
\$3.75 - 5.70

Additional Information

Organic certified proteins include chicken, turkey, beef, and duck. Only organic certified whole fresh vegetables and sprouted grains. Verification provided. Shine pet food also offers three medical recipes for kidney support, digestive support and cancer support.

Humanely Raised

All meats are sourced from humanely raised/pasture raised animals, not all are certified. All fish is wild caught.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of venison from New Zealand.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free and recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

All recipes are tested for complete nutritional profile every 2 - 8 weeks. Pathogenic bacteria tested is performed on all poultry ingredients for every production cycle.

How this pet food is made:

All meat ingredients are ground whole. Vegetables are ground fresh. Grains (oats, quinoa, millet, barley) are sprouted fresh weekly in filtered water, rinsed and cooked in the case of millet and barley. With cooked varieties, poultry ingredients are cooked 180 degrees. The other proteins are cooked to 160 degrees. Foods are hand packed in recyclable cardboard containers.

What you may not know...

"Shine (Marty's Meals new name) is a triple bottom line company, considering the well-being of pets, people and planet in all of our ingredients and operations. Our food is hand crafted rather than produced with automation so we can provide above living wage jobs to members of our community. We source locally when possible and never use factory farmed animals."

Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced per AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available in independent pet food stores, online pet stores, and direct to consumer.

www.sidebysidepet.com



Side by Side Pet Food

Freeze dried and cooked pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meats are human edible, verification provided. Bone ingredients sourced from USDA inspected and passed sources. All other food ingredients are human edible, verification provided.

Supplement Quality

Minimal supplements used, all are human edible, verification provided.

Manufacturing

Freeze dried pet foods are manufactured in a licensed pet food facility in Wisconsin, cooked foods are also manufactured in Wisconsin. A smaller portion of foods are made in Minnesota and Indiana.



30 pound dog
FD \$7.50 - 9.17
Cooked \$7.49

Additional Ingredient Information

Manufacturer requires a certificate of authenticity for every ingredient.

Humanely Raised

All meats are sourced from humanely raised animals though not certified.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of coconut oil from Philippines, rabbit from France, kelp from Iceland, and turmeric from India.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free. Shipping cartons are recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Pathogenic bacteria testing is performed on each ingredient upon receipt, each batch of pet food is tested for pathogenic bacteria. All recipes are tested for complete nutritional analysis when developed.

How this pet food is made:

Raw materials are mixed per recipe specifications, ground, then frozen. Moisture is removed, products are sealed requiring no refrigeration.

What you may not know...

"Side By Side Pet, a personalized pet food company that approaches pet health through the healing power of whole food nutrition, has developed a charitable fund designed to harness the qualities of pets to provide comfort and care to those in need. With support from the Side by Side Giving Fund, service & therapy dogs receive nutrition support, in the form of free food, and wellness care through Side by Side's personalized Pet Health Assessment."

Cat and Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced per AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available in independent pet food stores, veterinarians, and direct to consumer.

www.simplefoodproject.com



The Simple Food Project Pet Food

Freeze dried pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, organs and necks (i.e. chicken necks) are sourced from USDA inspected and passed animals, verification provided. All other food ingredients are human grade, verification provided.

Supplement Quality

No supplements used, balanced through food ingredients.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in a company owned facility in Wisconsin.



10 pound cat
\$2.19 - 2.92

30 pound dog
\$2.70 - 3.04

Additional Ingredient Information

Fruits and vegetables are received with certificate of analysis confirming they are organic.

Humanely Raised

Some meats are sourced from humanely raised animals, not all.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of krill and some kelp from Norway.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free, boxes are recyclable and company plans to change to recyclable plastic bags in the near future.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Every batch is tested for pathogenic bacteria, company posts all batch results on their website.

How this pet food is made:

Raw materials are ground and blended per recipe specifications. Mixture is frozen and then freeze-dried to remove all moisture. Each batch is tested for pathogenic bacteria, held until clean results received. Some of every batch is held by the company for 5 years past manufacturing date.

What you may not know...

“Developed, owned, and operated by holistic veterinarian, Dr. Chris Bessent.”

Cat and Dog Food

Products are both supplemental and complete and balanced. Complete foods are formulated to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available in independent pet food stores, online pet stores across continental US. Freeze dried foods also available in Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong and China.

www.smallbatchpets.com



Small Batch Pet Food

Raw, freeze dried, cooked pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, verified as manufactured in a human food facility.

All other food ingredients are human grade, verified as manufactured in a human food facility.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, verified as manufactured in a human food facility.

Manufacturing

Frozen raw foods are manufactured in California at a licensed human food facility. Cooked foods are manufactured in CA at a licensed human food facility. In both facilities, foods are made under USDA inspection.



10 pound cat
\$1.69 - 3.17

30 pound dog
\$5.94 - 11.17

Additional Ingredient Information

Company treats ingredients with ozonated water to prevent pathogenic bacteria.

Humanely Raised

All poultry meats are sourced from certified humanely raised animals, verification provided. All other meats are sourced from farms that practice humane animal methods and are 3rd party inspected annually.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of some lamb, beef and rabbit from New Zealand, and kelp from Iceland.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free, packaging will be recyclable in 2022.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No ingredient is treated by denaturing or HPP. Bacteriophages are added.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Suppliers test ingredients for pathogenic bacteria. Every batch of pet food is tested for pathogenic bacteria. All complete and balanced diets are tested for full nutritional profile and retested with change of ingredients or formula.

How this pet food is made:

All ingredients are brought to 26F and ground. Supplements are added and food is mixed, then packaged and frozen. Freeze dried products go through the same initial process, moved to freeze dryer, then packaged. Cooked products go through the same initial process, after mixing batch is placed in food grade, BPA free, cook safe casings and cooked in a water kettle at 175F until internal temp reaches 155F. After cooking chubs are frozen and processed into slider patties.

What you may not know...

"Smallbatch started in the Bay Area (San Francisco to be exact) back in 2005. Inspired by a community of artisan food makers, farmers and ranchers we set out to improve the lives of pets and their parents by providing the most nutritious, thoughtfully prepared, community inspired whole foods made from the highest quality ingredients. A lot has happen since 2005 but the core values and mission of the company have only strengthened."

Cat Food

Formulated complete and balanced to AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Note: the inclusion in the List is ONLY Smalls cooked food. This company also makes a freeze dried food - however that is a feed grade product.

Available direct to consumer continental US.

www.smalls.com



Smalls Pet Food

Cooked pet food

SMALLS

\$

Per Day

10 pound cat
\$2.00

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, in part verified by human food manufacturing.
All other food ingredients are human grade, in part verified by human food manufacturing.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, in part verified by human food manufacturing.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured at a licensed human food facility in Illinois, under USDA inspection and manufactured in Nevada at a pet food manufacturing facility.

Additional Information

The Smalls freeze dried cat food is NOT included as part of the 2022 List. The freeze dried food is feed grade using feed grade ingredients and supplements.

Smalls maintains a quality assurance team onsite at the pet food facility in Nevada to ensure that human-grade food standards are applied to sourcing and production processes. Verification documents were provided to assure ingredient quality at this plant.

Humanely Raised

No.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of supplements sourced from US, Germany, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Japan, India, United Kingdom, France, China, Mexico, and Israel.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free and recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

All new recipes are tested for complete nutritional profile. Each batch of pet food is tested for pathogenic bacteria, yeast, and mold.

How this pet food is made:

Raw proteins are cooked and mixed with other ingredients per recipe specifications. Foods are ground and for some recipes ground again, packaged and frozen.

What you may not know...

"Smalls has a rescue partner program! Every adopter is entitled to a free trial of Smalls if they adopt from one of our partner shelters."

Cat and Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced to AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available in independent pet foods stores continental US and parts of Canada.

www.stevesrealfood.com



Steve's Real Pet Food

Freeze dried, raw pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, verification provided.
All other food ingredients are human grade, verification provided.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, verification provided.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured in Oregon at a licensed pet food facility.



10 pound cat
\$1.70 - 2.89

30 pound dog
\$3.72 - 8.68

Additional ingredient information

Ingredient suppliers are required to provide Certificates of Analysis, certification of organic (if applicable), and USDA inspection guarantee.

Humanely Raised

Meats are sourced from farms where animals are pasture raised, but not certified humanely raised.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of lamb and green lipped mussel from New Zealand, organic beet root from China and Egypt, bromelain from Indonesia, chia seed from Argentina, cilantro and parsley from Israel, Hungary, Holland and/or Poland, organic coconut flour and oil from Philippines, cranberries, flaxseed, dried kelp from Canada, dandelion leaves from US, Canada, and/or Germany, kale powder from Germany, inulin from Belgium, krill from the Antarctic, taurine from Japan, organic turmeric from India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Yucca from US or Mexico.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free and recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No denaturing or bacteriophages, raw diets are treated with HPP.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Ingredients are tested annually for heavy metals and pesticides. Every batch of pet food is tested for pathogenic bacteria weekly. All recipes are tested for complete nutritional profile when formulated and again with any ingredient or formula change.

How this pet food is made:

Raw materials are partially defrosted and ground. Finely crushed bone and supplements are mixed and blended, then formed into nuggets or patties and flash frozen.

What you may not know...

"2021 was a year for SRF to focus on education and sustainability, our efforts to spread the word of the power of whole living food through our webinars, lead to the chance to work with over 50 shelters/rescues. And as a company whose logo states clearly that we care about not only our pets but the ground they walk on, we have made many innovative changes to move even more in the direction of sustainability."

Dog Food

Formulated complete and balanced per AAFCO nutrient profiles.

Available direct to consumer in California.

www.vibrantk9.com



Vibrant K9 Pet Food

Raw pet food

Ingredient Quality

All meat ingredients are human grade, bone sourced from USDA inspected and passed animals - verification provided.
All other food ingredients are human grade, verification provided.

Supplement Quality

Supplements are human grade, verification provided.

Manufacturing

Pet foods are manufactured at a licensed pet food facility in California.



30 pound dog
\$2.52 – 2.91

Additional Ingredient Information

Each ingredient supplier is pre-qualified and approved. They must adhere to regular testing and increased manufacturing procedures and required to supply consistent product year round.

Humanely Raised

All meats are sourced from humanely raised animals though not certified.

Ingredient Country of Origin

All ingredients originate in the US with the exception of kelp powder from Indonesia.

Packaging and Recycling

All packaging is BPA free and recyclable.

Denaturing, HPP or Bacteriophages

No.

Ingredient and Pet Food Testing

Meat ingredients are received being tested for pathogenic bacteria. Company regularly tests manufacturing area (machines, utensils, and manufacturing tools) for pathogenic bacteria. All recipes are tested for complete nutritional analysis when formulated and with any recipe change.

What you may not know...

"Prior to 2013, we lost 3 out of 4 of our dogs to cancer which compelled us to improve K9 health by any means necessary. It was a calling that we would not ignore. This led us to opening Vibrant K9 to help as many dogs as possible through fresh food, education and science. Our mission is to save one million dogs from metabolic disease by 2030."

How this pet food is made:

Raw ingredients are washed, sorted, and weighted for each formula. Animal products are processed frozen to help minimize any potential pathogen growth. Ingredients are chipped, ground, mixed and proportioned into each specific packaging style. The food is frozen overnight, boxed, and prepared for pickup.

Additional Information



Home Prepared Pet Food Resources

Home prepared pet food is the most economical way to give your pet human grade pet food, BUT - you must follow a good recipe that provides all the required nutrition in the proper amounts. The following are resources for trusted recipes:

Dr. Karen Becker and Rodney Habib has a dog food recipe available on YouTube, <https://youtu.be/7P85BMCCbol>.

More complete and balanced dog and cat food recipes from these extraordinary pet food advocates can be found here (for a nominal fee that goes to support a wonderful non-profit): <https://www.planetpaws.ca/healthy-pet-recipe-store/>.

Dr. Becker also has some complete and balanced cat food recipes posted here: <https://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2018/03/11/tips-for-cat-guardians.aspx>.

Dr. Lisa Pierson has information about cat food on her website including advice and recipes of balanced diets: <https://catinfo.org/>.

Dr. Judy Morgan provides her 'pup loaf' recipe here: <https://drjudymorgan.com/blogs/recipes/how-to-make-homemadepuploaf>.

Andi Brown – author of The Whole Pet Diet – provides the recipe for the Whole Pet Diet Chicken Stew for cats and dogs here: <http://www.thewholepetdiet.com/docs-stew-the-healthiest-version-of-my-food-for-dogs-cats/>.

Support Independent Pet Food Stores

Whenever possible, please support your local independently owned pet food stores. These locally owned businesses are supporting your community and they often know many details about brands that they share with their customers. If you select a pet food your local store doesn't carry - ask them to order it for you. It's important for the future of quality pet food to support these local businesses.

Check Your Pet Food

Pet owners have a valuable resource through veterinarian Dr. Laurie Coger's CheckYourPetFood.com. Dr. Laurie has connected with various labs across the U.S. to provide pet food testing assistance to pet owners. If you believe a food made your pet sick, now pet owners have someone to turn to for help to hold the pet food accountable. Significantly, some quality minded manufacturers have also reached out to Dr. Laurie to test their pet foods - providing full transparency with results.

Please report all suspect pet illnesses or deaths (believed to be linked to a pet food) to FDA, your State pet food authority, and to the pet food manufacturer. More information to report to FDA is found here: <https://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/SafetyHealth/ReportaProblem/ucm182403.htm>. To locate your state pet food officials, click here: <https://www.aafco.org/Regulatory>.

Second Opinion

Often pet owners want or need a second veterinary opinion from a veterinarian that understands food (not feed). Two veterinarians that I trust for this are Dr. Laurie Coger (mentioned above) and Dr. Judy Morgan. Both do phone consults with pet owners. Dr. Laurie Coger can be reached at: <http://healthydogworkshop.com/consultations/>. Dr. Judy Morgan can be reached at: <https://drjudymorgan.com/pages/phone-consultations>.



Additional Information

What is a human grade and a feed grade pet food?

Pet foods come in two classifications - human grade and feed grade. To be a human grade pet food, every legal requirement of human food must be met. All ingredients are human edible, including supplements. Manufacturing is performed in a licensed human food facility that meets all safety requirements of food.

The other type of pet food is feed grade. The FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine allows feed grade pet foods to violate federal law, to include ingredients sourced from diseased animals and animals that have died other than by slaughter. Unfortunately for pet owners, the FDA does not require pet food manufacturers to disclose which brands include these highly inferior waste ingredients and which do not. Thus, pet owners don't know the quality of pet food they are buying.

The feed grade pet foods included in the 2022 List have provided verification that food ingredients are human grade. While they might not meet all legal requirements of human grade, they are close.

The differences between human grade and feed grade manufacturing.

The same dramatic differences that we see in ingredient quality between human grade and feed grade pet foods can occur in manufacturing facilities. Federal law requires human food manufacturing facilities (that could also be making a pet food) that make foods with more than 3% meat to have a USDA inspector on site during food production hours. The USDA inspector oversees the facility to assure all federal food safety laws are abided by.

Even though pet foods contain more than 3% meat, they are not required to be made under inspection and manufacturing facilities are not held to federal food safety laws. In some instances, pet food manufacturing facilities are not held to any food safety standards. As example: In 2017 the FDA performed a follow up inspection (after a recall) at a Mars Petcare facility. The FDA inspection report (obtained by Freedom of Information Act request) found that Mars Petcare 'failed' to "minimize deterioration" of pet food ingredients. And the FDA inspection found Mars Petcare "failed" to prevent the pet foods from being contaminated by pests. The inspection report documented "millions of roaches" were found in the food production area of the pet food plant. With all of these serious violations to food safety laws, the FDA did nothing - they allowed the pet food plant to continue to manufacture pet foods in these deplorable conditions.

The cost of human grade pet food.

When pet owners understand the significant differences to quality of ingredients and safety of manufacturing conditions, it is easier to understand why human grade pet foods cost more than feed grade. What is not easy to understand is why many feed grade pet foods - using feed grade ingredients and feed grade manufacturing standards - are MORE expensive than human grade.

As example, the following pet foods are feed grade, using feed grade ingredients and have feed grade manufacturing facilities. Here are some cost to feed prices of these pet foods (that are NOT included in the 2022 List - I would not give my own pets any of these pet foods):

Cat Foods	Cost to Feed 10# cat per day	Dog Foods	Cost to Feed 30# dog per day
Castor & Pollux (Dry)	\$1.60	Orijen Red Regionals (Dry)	\$6.00
Fancy Feast (Wet)	\$3.00	Beneful Stew (Wet)	\$4.00
Sheba (Wet)	\$2.50	Hill's (Wet)	\$5.00

As comparison, many of the pet foods on the 2022 List - which are 100% human grade food ingredients, many meats sourced from humanely raised animals - are less expensive to feed per day.