

# Looking for a Quality Dry Pet Food- Ingredients Tell the Truth

The ingredient list will enlighten you on the quality of the pet food. Here's what to look for:

- 🐾 Remember the ingredients are listed in the order of greatest to least quantity by dry weight. Thus, specified meats should be in the first few ingredients and near the top of the list. Example: Chicken or chicken by-products vs. just meat meal.
- 🐾 Meat By-products are non-rendered meat sources of an animal that are not muscle meat. This includes organs, blood, bone, and intestines minus their contents. These do have important nutritional value. There are no horns, hooves, teeth or hair.
- 🐾 Meat Meal is a rendered processed animal product that can contain anything except hooves, hair, teeth, bone, and hooves. If it has bone it will say bone meal.
- 🐾 As for grains, look for high quality ingredients such as rice, barley, oatmeal, millet, etc. Avoid corn, soy, and wheat if avoiding glutes. They also should not be the second ingredient.
- 🐾 Some foods are grain-free. They usually use potatoes as a carbohydrate. This is fine as well.
- 🐾 Avoid or minimize artificial colors and flavors.
- 🐾 Most good foods have some fruits and vegetables included.
- 🐾 Better grades of dog food use natural preservatives such as vitamin E. Because of this, they may not have as long of a shelf-life. Make sure you store your food in a cool, dry place with the bag rolled shut. If you store your food in a plastic container leave it in the bag. Otherwise, the oils from the food stick to the side of the container and can go bad.

**INGREDIENTS:** CORN, SOYBEAN MEAL, BEEF AND BONE MEAL, GROUND WHEAT FLOUR, ANIMAL FAT (BHA USED AS PRESERVATIVE), CORN SYRUP, WHEAT MIDDINGS, WATER SUFFICIENT FOR PROCESSING, ANIMAL DIGEST (SOURCE OF CHICKEN FLAVOR), PROPYLENE GLYCOL, SALT, HYDROCHLORIC ACID, POTASSIUM CHLORIDE, CARAMEL COLOR, SORBIC ACID (USED AS A PRESERVATIVE), SODIUM CARBONATE, MINERALS (FERROUS SULFATE, ZINC OXIDE, MANGANOUS OXIDE, COPPER SULFATE, CALCIUM IODATE, SODIUM SELENITE), VITAMINS (VITAMIN E SUPPLEMENT, VITAMIN A SUPPLEMENT, NIACIN SUPPLEMENT, D-CALCIUM PANTOTHENATE, RIBOFLAVIN SUPPLEMENT, PYRIDOXINE HYDROCHLORIDE, THIAMINE MONONITRATE, VITAMIN D3 SUPPLEMENT, FOLIC ACID, BIOTIN, VITAMIN B12 SUPPLEMENT), CHOLINE CHLORIDE, CALCIUM SULFATE, TITANIUM DIOXIDE (COLOR), YELLOW 5, YELLOW 6, RED 40, BHA (USED AS A PRESERVATIVE), DL METHIONINE. ADO2.0IU7

Example of What  
to Avoid



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## Ingredients

Salmon, ocean fish meal, sweet potatoes, potatoes, canola oil, salmon meal, smoked salmon, potato fiber, natural flavor, salt, choline chloride, dried chicory root, tomatoes, blueberries, raspberries, yucca schidigera extract, dried fermentation products of *Enterococcus faecium*, *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, *Lactobacillus casei* and *Lactobacillus plantarum*, dried *Trichoderma longibrachiatum* fermentation extract, vitamin E supplement, iron proteinate, zinc proteinate, copper proteinate, ferrous sulfate, zinc sulfate, copper sulfate, potassium iodide, thiamine mononitrate (vitamin B1), manganese proteinate, manganous oxide, ascorbic acid, vitamin A supplement, biotin, niacin, calcium pantothenate, manganese sulfate, sodium selenite, pyridoxine hydrochloride (vitamin B6), vitamin B12 supplement, riboflavin (vitamin B2), vitamin D supplement, folic acid.

Better Quality Examples  
Taste of the Wild  
Natural Balance  
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