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Dog Nutrition Basics

This is one of the most frequently asked questions new owners have prior to bringing their new puppy's home. What's the best food? The only way to really understand the quality of the food is to read the label providing you information to do some DOG FOOD ANALYSIS. The most expensive food is not always the best dog food but you can be assured that the lower priced foods are of lesser quality. This is one of the most frequently asked questions new owners have prior to bringing their new puppy's home. What is the best food?

Ingredients are listed by in descending order in regard to the quantity. The ingredients and the order by which they appear assist you to determine the best quality dog foods. All dogs need protein and the first ingredients should be a good quality protein, such as chicken, beef or lamb. You will frequently see these ingredients which are of lesser quality, chicken by-products or other meat by-products, and lower yet are meat & bone meal. A quality protein is one in which the amino acids contain in the protein can be readily broken down, therefore used by the body. Many of the fillers used such as corn, corn gluten meal, soybeans are not readily used and much of it passes through the body.



Another factor to consider when evaluating the quality of the food is the amount of protein. The percentage of protein and fats will be listed on the label. Here are the recommend levels of protein & fat
Puppies 28% protein 17% fat, Dogs 18% protein & 9-15% fat.

Where's My Food!!!

As stated above the quality of the protein affects the nutritional value of the food. Here are a few listings that reflect how the protein is able to be used by the body. Egg 100% Fish meal & milk 92% Beef 78% soybean meal 67% Meat and bone meal 50% corn 45%. It's clear to see that the quality of the protein can vary greatly and needs to be factored in when evaluating the merit of the food.

When evaluating the quality of the food *and* cost, the higher quality foods you can feed less of because the ingredients are more completely digested. So a higher quality food even though it may cost more may be your best buy.

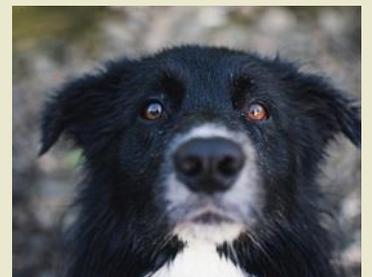
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DOGS!



IT MUST BE
DIINNER TIME!!



I KNOW IT'S FIVE
OCLOCK.



I'VE BEEN A GOOD
BOY! TREAT PLEASE!

Pukka's Promise By
Ted Kerasote
The author did
extensive research to
get answers on many
health issues the
owners have to deal
with. Including dog
food!
A wonderful resource!

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A word of caution, some manufactures will disguise the ingredients by breaking them down into parts, such as corn meal, corn gluten and corn as an example. It's still corn!

You can readily determine the quality of the dog food by reading the ingredients and applying some basic guidelines and determine best value with regards to nutrients and price.

I highly recommend the site DogFoodAdvisor.com to help evaluate the many different brands of dog food on the market. A very educational resource.



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