

Why don't you carry my pet's food?

Picking out a food for a dog or cat can be frustrating for a lot of people. Hopefully this page will help! To ensure you're getting your pet the best, there are a few questions you should ask about the food. For example, where do its ingredients originate, and where is it manufactured? Does the food contain any filler ingredients (corn, wheat gluten, etc...)? Does it contain any harmful substances, like ethoxyquin or propylene glycol? Has the food been recalled in the past for any major health concerns, or even for causing pet deaths? Below we have compiled a list of several of the most popular dog foods on the market, and why we don't carry them.

MARS, INC.:

-NUTRO

Soy

Wheat gluten in tray formulations

2009 Plastic Choking Hazard Recall

-ROYAL CANIN

Most formulations contain soy, wheat gluten, corn gluten, by-products, and unnecessary additives like "natural flavor." (MSG)

2007 Melamine Recall

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ArchiveRecalls/2007/ucm112172.htm>

-PEDIGREE

Adult formulas contains corn, by-products, corn gluten, BHA/BHT, wheat, added food coloring, added salt, among other unneeded ingredients.

Puppy includes meat by-products, wheat

2012 Plastic Choking Hazard Recall

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm310400.htm>

-WHISKAS

Contains undesirable ingredients, such as: by-products, corn, gluten, wheat, etc...

-CESAR

Contains undesirable ingredients, such as: by-products, added color, "natural flavor."

COLGATE-PALMOLIVE:

2007 Melamine Recall, Chinese-sourced ingredients

-HILL'S SCIENCE DIET & PRESCRIPTION DIET

Contain corn, corn gluten meal, wheat, soy. The company does not believe in meat-centered diets for dogs and cats, and equates the nutrition of corn to that of meat.

DIAMOND FOODS:

2005 Aflatoxin recall

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ArchiveRecalls/2005/ucm111929.htm>

2013 Thiamine recall

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm343084.htm>

2012 Salmonella recall

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm303034.htm>

All lines currently manufactured by Diamond:

- 4HEALTH
- APEX
- ARTEMIS
- CANIDAE/FELIDAE
- CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE PET LOVER'S SOUL

- COUNTRY VALUE
 - DIAMOND
 - KIRKLAND SIGNATURE
 - PREMIUM EDGE
 - PROFESSIONAL
 - SOLID GOLD
 - TASTE OF THE WILD
 - WELLNESS
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PROCTER & GAMBLE:

-IAMS

Contains corn, soy, animal byproducts, corn gluten, etc...

2010 Salmonella Recall

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm220780.htm>

2011 Aflatoxin Recall

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm282506.htm>

Contains corn, soy, animal byproducts, corn gluten, etc...

-EUKANUBA

2010 Salmonella Recall

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm220780.htm>

-NATURA (CALIFORNIA NATURAL, INNOVA, EVO)

Natura Pet was acquired by Procter & Gamble in 2010.

2011 "Human Grade Ingredients" Lawsuit

2013 Salmonella Recall

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm357630.htm>

NESTLE:

-PURINA

Contains corn gluten, corn, by-products, unspecified animal fats and proteins, wheat, soy, animal digest, caramel color, food dye, etc...

2011 Salmonella Recall

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm266079.htm>

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm261072.htm>

-FRISKIES

Contains corn, soy, by-products, artificial coloring and flavors.

2011 Salmonella recall

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm261072.htm>

All foods manufactured by Nestle currently contains ingredients we find to be undesirable:

- ALPO - meat by-products, wheat gluten, soy flour, corn starch-modified, added color.
- BENEFUL - Ground yellow corn, chicken by-product meal, corn gluten meal, whole wheat flour, animal fat, soy flour, meat and bone meal, propylene glycol, sugar, salt, animal digest, menadione sodium bisulfite complex, as well as various artificial colorings.
- CAT CHOW- Poultry by-product meal, corn meal, corn gluten meal, ground whole wheat, brewers rice, soy flour, animal fat, meat and bone meal, brewers dried yeast, phosphoric acid, animal digest, animal liver flavor, soybean hulls, malt extract, menadione sodium bisulfite complex.
- CHEF MICHAELS wheat gluten, meat by-products, corn, corn starch-modified, artificial and natural flavors, soy flour, salt, natural rotisserie chicken flavor, and added color.
- DOG CHOW - Whole grain corn, meat and bone meal, corn gluten meal, animal fat, soybean meal, poultry by-product meal, egg and chicken flavor, whole grain wheat, animal digest, menadione sodium bisulfite complex as well as various artificial colorings.
- FANCY FEAST wheat gluten, meat by-products, corn oil, unnamed liver, meat by-products, corn starch-modified, artificial flavors, spice and

- coloring, carrageenan, salt, soy protein concentrate and menadione sodium bisulfite complex.
- FRISKIES Ground yellow corn, corn gluten meal, ground wheat, chicken by-product meal, soybean meal, meat and bone meal, glycerin, turkey by-product meal, animal liver flavor, salt, natural grill flavor, DL-Methionine, menadione sodium bisulfite complex, as well as various colorants.
 - PURINA- corn gluten, corn, by-products, unspecified animal fats and proteins, wheat, soy, animal digest, caramel color, food dye.
 - PURINA ONE - brewers rice, poultry by-product meal (natural source of glucosamine), corn gluten meal, whole grain wheat, whole grain corn, animal fat preserved with mixed-tocopherols (form of vitamin E), pea fiber, oat meal, fish meal, animal digest, and menadione sodium bisulfite complex.
 - PRO PLAN brewers rice, whole grain wheat, corn gluten meal, whole grain corn, poultry by-product meal, animal fat, barley, corn germ meal, animal digest, wheat bran, and menadione sodium bisulfite complex.

For more information on why we feel this way, please refer to our handout on "What Should Never be in Your Pet's Food".

DEL MONTE:

-NATURE'S RECIPE

Contains carrageenan and soy in canned formulas.

-KIBBLES & BITS

Contains corn, soy, wheat, unspecified animal fat, BHA, corn syrup, animal digest, propylene glycol, caramel color, animal digest, and artificial color.

-MILK-BONE

Wheat Flour, Wheat Bran, Meat and Bone Meal, Poultry By-Product Meal, Beef Fat (Preserved with BHA), Wheat Germ, Glandular Meal, Salt, Caramel Color, Bacon Fat, Malted Barley Flour, Modified Food Starch, Chicken By-Product Meal, Propylene Glycol, Bone Phosphate, Gelatin, Animal Digest, BHA and artificial color.

-MILO'S KITCHEN

Soy Grits, Sugar, Propylene Glycol, Salt, Textured Vegetable Protein, Natural Smoke Flavor, Caramel Color, BHA , Sodium Nitrite, Onion Extract.

2013 "Unapproved Substances" Recall

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm335621.htm>

-MEOW MIX

Contains corn, soy, animal byproducts, corn gluten, corn syrup, wheat gluten, caramel color, carrageenan, menadione sodium bisulfite complex, and BHA.

-9LIVES

Contains corn, soy, unspecified animal by-products, wheat, gluten, artificial coloring, menadione sodium bisulfite complex and BHA.

-NATURAL BALANCE (previously owned by Diamond)

Contains Carrageenan in canned formulas.

2012 Salmonella Recall

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm303918.htm>

BLUE BUFFALO

Given how many high quality foods are now available on the market, the unnecessary addition of caramel to their foods, and their recalls are both reasons we choose not to support Blue.

2007 Melamine Recall

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ArchiveRecalls/2007/ucm112182.htm>

2010 Excess Vitamin D Recall

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ArchiveRecalls/2010/ucm228986.htm>

AVODERM

Avocados contain the compound persin, which is known to be toxic to some animals and may cause digestive upset in dogs and cats. Due to the controversy over avocados, and the otherwise generic ingredients in the food, we have decided not to carry Avoderm. For our customers that like Avoderm, we can order it upon request.

FRESHPET

Freshpet contains carrageenan, a controversial ingredient that we're trying to phase out of our store, as well as "natural flavors" and added salt. Some of the formulas contain soy and caramel color as well. Freshpet's quality and sourcing of ingredients are unclear. It doesn't have many benefits when compared to the canned foods we carry, and certainly not when compared to the raw foods it attempts to mimic. It is important to note that Freshpet is a cooked product, not a raw one.