

What we look for in a brand

Our recommendations are based off the guidelines set by the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA); a global community of more than 200,000 veterinarians worldwide drawn from 114 member associations that work to advance the health and welfare of companion animals throughout the world and to speak on behalf of companion animal veterinarians globally.

Questions to ask when choosing the best diet for your pet

- Does the company employ at least one full-time board certified Veterinary Nutritionist (ACVN)?
- Does the manufacturer own the plant(s) where their food is manufactured? Companies that don't often lack the control they have over quality control processing.
- Does their food meet AAFCO (American Feed Control Officials) nutritional guidelines? And does the company conduct AAFCO feeding trials?

The brands we trust



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Our Doctors' Diet Recommendations for Your Cat



FAQ's

Should I feed my cat a diet with a unique protein source?

There are many diets with unique or novel protein sources such as kangaroo, venison, and bison available. We will use these novel protein sources for dogs with specific medical conditions such as significant food allergies.

However, if a veterinarian has not recommended or prescribed your dog a novel protein diet, we recommend sticking with more common protein sources like chicken, beef, lamb, or turkey.



Can I make a home-cooked diet for my cat?

While it is possible to safely home-cook your pet's food, it's not as easy as many pet owners think and even small mistakes can put your pet's health at risk, not to mention it is often significantly more expensive in time and money than feeding a good quality commercial diet.

Home-cooked diets found on websites and in books (even ones written by veterinarians) more often than not are vague, out-of-date, and nutritionally deficient.

If you truly want to feed a healthy home-cooked diet, it should be formulated by a Board-Certified Veterinary Nutritionist. We recommend www.balance.it or www.petdiets.com

Should I feed my cat a raw diet?

There is no scientific information showing any health benefits from raw meat diets.

There are an increasing number of studies that show important concerns for nutritional deficiencies and health risks to the animal, as well as serious public health concerns.

Raw meat-based diets have a high risk of bacterial contamination. A food-borne infection can be serious and even fatal for pets and people.

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wsava.org/global-guidelines/global-nutrition-guidelines/
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