

[Things to know about many commercial pet food brands](#)

Corn

Corn's digestibility is very low (look the next day at your own waste, corn is also not allowed at least in California, for fishing cause fish will bloat and belly up because they can not digest) Corn is known as filler and is # 1 cause of hot spots. In hotter / humid climates dogs are more prone to have the corn coagulate under the skin. This in turns creates a lump under the skin that irritates the dog. Then the dog usually chews at the spot, which pulls the hairs, and then it bleeds and creates a lick sore.

Wheat

Wheat is the #1 cause of dry flaky skin and is known commonly as a allergen. Digestibility level of wheat is very low and this is just another reason why it is know as filler.

Chemical Perspectives

An average 45 lb dog eats 14 lbs of perspectives a year. Perspectives are the #1 cause of cancer found in pets today.

By-Products

By products are a combination of all left over trimmings, droppings, spoiled meat or strictly meat labeled not fit for human consumption. This can mean beak to feat and all other left overs. One way the preserve the meat is to spray ethoxyquin (which is a very strong insecticide)

Bone Meal

Usually is all material listed above plus the actual carcass or bone from the animal.

Meats

Some pet foods use 2nd and 3rd grade grains and meat. This means it is not rated for human consumption and dogs may have different reactions to this due to the poor quality and chance of parasites.

Vegetables

Vegetables seem to be one of the latest fad diets. Unfortunately the idea or concept is good but when you make your dog food it is cooked at 232 degrees in doing this, you loose the majority of your vitamins and nutritional value. Raw vegetables are great for pets. Another words having vegetables in your diet becomes a marketing ploy because it is know as filler for the most part.

Raw Diets

Raw diets seem to be the other fad diet. Keep talking to them and ask if they supplement it with anything. If not how do they get their vitamins, carbs, fiber and fatty acids. Dogs have been domesticated for well over 100 years most around 300 years. They use to eat fresh killed meat and they ate the entire animal; kidneys, stomach, liver, and so on. When something has been dead for some time or dehydrated and only one specific part, in doing this you seem to loose nutritional value. Dry hard kibble also helps plaque build up on there teeth.

Digestibility

Digestibility is an important and extremely under-reported aspect of pet food. If digestibility is not listed on the bag of your pet food, ask yourself: why is that?