

Validity Science's Top Recommendations for Canned or Raw Dog Foods

SOME RAW FOOD CONTAINS GROUND BONES - NOT RECOMMENDED FOR DOGS WITH KIDNEY ISSUES AND/OR ARE PRONE TO CONSTIPATION.



AUNT JENI'S HOME MADE (RAW FROZEN) - GOAT, BEEF, & TURKEY

Aunt Jeni's claims to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles for all life stages. Notable ingredients: grass-fed, hormone and antibiotic-free, & free-range beef, leafy greens, flaxseeds and no added vitamins or minerals. The product is produced in the USA in a privately owned FDA approved facility.

Price: \$\$



DARWINS (RAW FROZEN) - NATURAL SELECTIONS & ZOOLOGICS

Darwins has a wide variety of flavors that are all highly rated human-quality with USDA approved meats and vegetables. They do not permit any steroids, hormones or chemical preservatives. The raw frozen food claims to meet AAFCO nutrient profile for all life stages.

Price: \$



FRESH IS BEST DOG FOOD (FREEZE DRIED & FREEZE DRIED)

Fresh is Best dog food is a meat-based raw product using significant amounts of poultry or beef as its main source of animal protein.

Price: \$\$\$



NATURE'S VARIETY INSTINCT RAW FROZEN DIETS

Nature's Variety has a wide range of flavors and recipes claims to meet AAFCO nutrient profile for all life stages. Notable ingredients: montmorillonite clay (trace minerals), cod liver oil and salmon (EPA and DHA omega 3), chicory root (dietary fiber and prebiotic), and an abundance of meat and organs. Independently owned USA company offers 100% satisfaction guarantee.

Price: \$\$\$



OC RAW DOG FOOD (RAW FROZEN)

OC Raw offers 8 raw dog foods all claiming to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles for all life stages. Notable ingredients: an abundance of meat, Cod Liver oil (EPA and DHA omega-3 fatty acid), ground turkey bone (calcium), spirulina, and no added vitamins or minerals. Family owned business uses a FDA approved commercial kitchen for production.

Price: \$\$\$



PRIMAL RAW FROZEN - FORMULAS, GRINDS, & MIXES

A variety of recipes including interesting ingredients like venison and pheasant as well as a number of organics. All food claims to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles for all life stages. Notable ingredients: significant amount of meat and organs, cancer fighting vegetables, salmon oil (EPA and DHA omega-3 fatty acid), coconut oil (benefits skin and coat, improves digestion, and reduces allergic reactions). They use human-grade, antibiotic-free, and steroid-free meats, poultry and game. Organic produce, minerals, and unrefined vitamins.

Price: \$



STELLA AND CHEWY'S RAW FROZEN

High quality ingredients and nutrient rich in organic fruits and vegetables. Stella and Chewy has a wide variety of recipes with meats like goose and rabbit, all food claims to meet AAFCO nutrient profile for all life stages. Notable ingredients: organ meat, bone, organic fruits and vegetables, dried fermentation products.

Price: \$\$



VITAL ESSENTIALS DOG FOOD (RAW FROZEN & FREEZE DRIED)

Vital Essentials claims to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles for all life stages. Notable ingredients: USDA meats and organs, herring oil (EPA and DHA omega-3 fatty acids), no colorig or preservatives.

Price: \$\$



WYSONG - ARCHETYPE BURGERS

Wysong Burgers claims to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles for all life stages. Notable ingredients: ground bone, vegetables, wheat grass, flaxseed and dried fermentation products (enzymes for digestion). The family owned company, established in 1979, manufactures in their own facility.

Price: \$\$\$



EVANGER'S GRAIN FREE - HAND PACKED (CANNED)

7 products claiming to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles for all life stages and three for supplemental feeding only. Evengar's is a kosher product made in the USA. It is meat-based canned dog food using a generous amount of beef, chicken or fish as it's main source of animal protein.

Price: \$\$\$



CASTOR & POLLUX GRAIN FREE

4 canned products made in the USA claiming to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles for adult maintenance. Contains a significant amount of meat, using a generous amount of beef, poultry or salmon as it's main source of animal protein.

Price: \$



MERRICK GRAIN FREE (CANNED)

6 canned products each claiming to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles for all life stages. Notable ingredients: simple ingredients mostly meat products. The company offers a 100% gaurantee.

Price: \$\$\$



NEWMAN'S OWN ORGANIC GRAIN FREE (CANNED)

Products claim to meet AAFCO nutritent profiles for all life stages. Simple recipes with organic ingredients are made in the USA. Newman's own is available in most grocery stores and pet supply stores.

Price: \$\$

**Raw is considered most easily digested, nutrient available form of dog food.*

**Expense is determined by the average daily feeding cost and as compared to the other products on the list.*

**All raw dehydrated food require water to be healthy. If water is not added then dogs may accidentally overeat.*

Vitality Science's Top Recommendations for Dry Dog Foods



Price: \$\$

CANIDAE GRAIN FREE PURE (DRY)

Canidae Grain Free Pure, made in the USA, includes 4 dry foods claiming to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles for adult maintenance. Notable ingredients: foods are meat-based, menhaden fish meal (omega-3 fatty acid), alfalfa, and dried fermentation products.



Price: \$

CASTER & POLLUX NATURAL ULTIMIX GRAIN FREE (DRY)

Claims to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles for adult maintenance. Notable ingredients: Salmon Oil (EPA and DHA omega-3 fatty acids), and dried fermentation products.



Price: \$\$

FARMINA N&D GRAIN FREE (DRY)

6 different dry foods in a variety of flavors, all claim to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles for all life stages. Notable ingredients: dehydrated meats, never exposed to high heat preserving more of the meats natural goodness, herring (omega-3 fatty acid), herring and salmon oil blend (EPA and DHA type of omega-3 fatty acid). The company is committed to high quality ingredients, such as; wild caught Scandinavian fish, and lamb from New Zealand. They also have a focus on environmental friendly and cruelty free ingredients.



Price: \$

GREAT LIFE GRAIN FREE (DRY)

3 foods claim to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles for all life stages. Notable ingredients: salmon oil (EPA and DHA type of omega-3 fatty acid), and dried fermentation products, organic fruits and vegetables sourced from USA.



Price: \$

HI-TEK NATURALS GRAIN FREE (DRY)

3 foods claim to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles for adult maintenance. Notable ingredients: flaxseed (omega-3 fatty acid). Hi-Tek Naturals is a plant-based dry food using a significant amount of chicken, lamb or salmon meals as it's main source of animal protein. Hi-Tek is a family owned and operated company.



Price: \$\$

ACANA REGIONAL GRAIN FREE (DRY)

4 foods claim to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles for all life stages. Notable ingredients: duck fat (omega-6 fatty acid), chicory root (dietary fiber and prebiotic) and herring oil (EPA and DHA omega-3 fatty acid). The Canadian company focuses on local and sustainable ingredients.



Price: \$\$

REAL MEAT AIR-DRIED

Real Meat offers 3 recipes, each claims to meet AAFCO nutrient profiles for all life stages. Notable ingredients: an abundance of meat, bone, flaxseeds (omega-3 fatty acids). All products are packed in the US with meats sourced from the USA, New Zealand and Australia. The company offers a satisfaction guarantee.

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