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What am I feeding my dog?

Do you know what the ingredients are in your dog's food? Do you understand the label, and do you know how those ingredients compare to other dog food brands you might choose from?

An Hawaiian breeder of Dobermans - Wolfpack Dobermans - Earl Wolfe has put together a web site that both compares and explains all the ingredients on the back of your dog food bag.

The site breaks down various foods into categories: under commercial foods one can look up independent and special order foods, pet and feed store brands, and canned, semi-moist and frozen varieties. Wolfe also offers a breakdown of raw diets including premixed, meats and raw formulas.

The site doesn't discriminate, but breaks down both fancy and non-fancy brands, from Alpo and Purina, to Nutro, Canidae and Wysong and everything in between. There are also some treat comparisons. Below is an excerpt from the ingredient definitions page. The English and spelling may be fluke, but the information is overall quite good.

Meat or Meat Based - Meat is the clean flesh of slaughtered cattle, swine, sheep or goats. The flesh can include striated skeletal muscle, tongue, diaphragm, skeletal muscle, tongue, diaphragm, heart or esophagus, overlying fat, and the portions of skin, sinew, nerves, and blood vessels normally found with that flesh. This is what some people would call on the hoof or "wet - state". This applies equal to all livestock whether it be Beef, Chicken, Lamb, etc.,... After processing these meats can lose up to 80% of their weight. Thus when looking at the ingredients list you might find it as number one but in truly reality after processing it will fall between 4, 5 or even 6 on a true ingredients list.

Poultry By-Product - Clean parts of slaughtered poultry, such as heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, feet, abdomen, intestines, and heads and must not contain feces or foreign matter except that which is unavoidable and then only in trace amounts.

Fish Meal - Clean, dried, and ground tissue of undecomposed whole fish or fish cuttings which may or may not have the oil removed. It is an excellent source for Omega 3 fatty acids.



Whole Fresh Eggs - This is the Highest rated source of usable Protein, and rates above all meats and meat products. Shells are a great source of Calcium Carbonate good for strong healthy teeth.

Oranges - Contain the pure Vitamin C (Ascorbic Acid) good for immune support, reduces cholesterol, powerful antioxidants.

Salmon - Excellent source of protein and fatty acids like Omega-3 and Omega-6.

Turnip Greens - Contains some calcium, Omega-3 and vitamin A & C.

Tomatoes - Abundant in carotenoids, beta-carotene, and vitamins A & C. They are also an acidifier and a fiber source.

Peas and Carrots - Are used as an excellent source of vitamins and minerals they also provide a flavor that both dogs and cats love.

Pumpkin - Pumpkin is a member of the squash family and has several health related things that it can be used for. If your pet has diarrhea you can give raw canned, uncooked, unsweetened pumpkin to help soothe the digestion track and help with minor digestive track issues.

Check out the web site at www.dobedogs.com

Run-throughs on "0" nights

NEDTC will be holding **Obedience and Rally** run-throughs from 6:45-9 Oct. 27, Jan 5, Feb 23, & April 13, the first night of each new session (what we call "0" night). **Drop-in classes will not be held on run-through nights.**

Run-throughs are \$5 each, and pre-registration is not required but is recommended. Run-throughs will be held on a first-come-first-serve basis. Sign up at the front desk or download an application from our Calendar section on our web site, www.nedtc.org

Please be aware that because of run-throughs and special events, the Advanced Beginner classes will be cancelled Oct. 20 & 27, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 5, Feb 23 & April 13.

We encourage our Advanced Beginners to come and try the Rally or Novice classes on those nights. Rally and Novice are held at 8:40 until 9:30.



A book is man's best friend outside of a dog. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.

Groucho Marx

THE CLUB CORNER

What would you ask members and other experienced "dog people" if you weren't too shy to ask? What would you tell newcomers to our club? We'd like to know your questions and answers! Please fill this in and hand it in to Jean at the front desk - we'll print what you tell us next month.

Now that fall is here we'd like to know your favorite trails to run your dogs. Where do you take your dogs to run?

Join us! If you're interested in becoming a member, we'd love to have you join. Simply fill out a membership application and give it to Jean at the front desk. Membership entitles you to discounts at drop-in classes, access to our Yahoo group list and first dibs on classes, seminars and other goodies. Contact us at 617 868-1713, or www.nedtc.org.