



# Dog Food Score Sheet

How to grade your dog's food. Start with a grade of 100.  
 For each ingredient(s) below, add or subtract the points indicated  
 The higher the score, the better.

Ingredient	Points
For each by-product listed	-10
For each nonspecific animal source("meat" or "poultry", meat, meal or fat) -	-10
Contains BHA, BHT, or ethoxyquin	-10
"mill run" or non-specific grain source	-5
Same grain ingredient is used 2 or more times in the first five ingredients (i.e. "ground brown rice", "brewers rice", "rice flour" are all the same grain).	-5
Protein sources are not meat meal and less than 2 meats in the top 3 ingredients,	-3
Any artificial colorants	-3
Contains ground corn or whole grain corn,	-3
Also if corn is listed in the top 5 ingredients,	-2
Any animal fat other than fish oils	-2
If lamb is the only animal protein source (unless hypoallergenic)	-2
If it contains soy or soybeans	-2
If it contains wheat	-2
If it contains beef	-1
If it contains salt (NaCl)	-1
If any of the meat sources are organic	+5
Endorsed by a nutritionist	+5
If the food is baked not extruded	+5
If the food contains probiotics,	+3
If the food contains fruit	+3
If the food contains vegetables (NOT corn or other grains)	+3
If the animal sources are hormone-free and antibiotic-free	+2
If the food contains barley	+2
Flax seed oil (not the seeds)	+2
If the food contains oats or oatmeal	+1
If the food contains sunflower oil	+1
For every different specific animal protein source	+1
If it contains glucosamine and chondroitin	+1
If the vegetables have been tested for pesticides and are pesticide-free	+1

## Common Foods

Authority Harvest Baked	116	Merrick Senior Medley	120
Bil-Jac Select	68	Nutrisource Lamb and Rice	87
Canidae	112	Nutro Natural Choice	87
Chicken Soup Senior	115	Pet Gold Lamb and Rice	23
Diamond Maintenance	64	Purina Beneful	17
Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance	112	Purina Dog Chow	62
Dick Van Patten Duck and Potatoe	106	Purina Come-and-get-it	16
Foundations	106	Sensible Choice Chicken	97
Hund-n-Flocken Lamb by Solid Gold	93	Science Diet Advance Protein Senior	63
Iams Lamb and Rice	73	Science Diet Large Breed Puppy	69
Innova Dog	114	Wellness Super5 Mix Chicken	110
Innova Evo	114	Wolfking Adult Bison by Solid Gold	97
Kirkland Signature Chicken, Rice, Vegetable	110		



