

WDJ's Approved Dry Dog Foods for 2013

Read below to understand how the foods listed on the following pages met our selection criteria (and whether your dog's food might, too).

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Identifying a superior-quality dog food is not that difficult; I'm going to tell you how to do it in just a minute. But it may be difficult to find foods of this quality if you live far from an urban center or an independent pet supply store run by someone with more than a passing interest in canine nutrition. It may be even more difficult to afford some of these foods; quality costs more. But it shouldn't be at all hard to see the improvements in your dog's health if you've been feeding a low-quality food and make the switch to products of this quality.

Tip # 1: Whenever possible, shop at well-trafficked independent pet supply stores. The staff and/or management is usually far more helpful and knowledgeable about products that would be best for your dog at your budget. Next best: chain pet specialty stores.

If you wear glasses to read fine print, bring 'em! You are going to study the label of each product in your price range for the following:

- **Ingredients panel** (where the ingredients are listed in descending order of weight in the product). More about this in a minute.
- **Guaranteed analysis** (which lists the *minimum* amounts of protein and fat and the *maximum* amounts of fiber and moisture, and sometimes, other nutrients). You need to know how much protein and fat your dog's food at home contains, and whether he should get more or less. If you've been feeding a low-quality food with,

say, 19% protein and 8% fat, you don't want to switch overnight to a sled-dog fuel with 40% protein and 28% fat.

- **"Best by" date/code** (and sometimes, the date of production, too – it's ideal to have both listed). Look for the freshest food possible, with the "best by" date at least 6 months away.
- **AAFCO statement** (which tells you whether the food has met the requirements of a "complete and balanced" diet, and if so, by which standard; by meeting the required nutrient levels, or by completing an AAFCO feeding trial). For more information about the difference, see "Take it With a Block of Salt," WDJ February 2007.

HALLMARKS OF QUALITY

Now it's time to scrutinize the ingredients list. The following are desired traits – things you *want to see* on the label.

✓ **Lots of animal protein at the top of the ingredients list.** Ingredients are

listed by weight, so you want to see a lot of top quality animal protein at the top of the list; the first ingredient should be a "named" animal protein source (see next bullet).

✓ **A named animal protein – chicken, beef, lamb, and so on.** "Meat" is an example of a low-quality protein source of dubious origin. Animal protein "meals" should also be from named species (look for "chicken meal" but avoid "meat meal" or "poultry meal").

✓ **When a fresh meat is first on the ingredient list, there should be an animal protein meal in a supporting role** to augment the total animal protein in the diet. Fresh (or frozen) meat contains a lot of water, and water is heavy, so if a fresh meat is first on the list, another source of animal protein should be listed in the top three or so ingredients.

✓ **Whole vegetables, fruits, and grains.** Fresh, unprocessed food ingredients contain nutrients in all their natural, complex glory, with their fragile vitamins, enzymes, and antioxidants intact. Don't be alarmed by one or two food "fractions" (a by-product or part of an ingredient, like tomato pomace or rice bran), especially if they are low on the ingredients list. But it's less than ideal if there are several fractions present in the food, and/or they appear high on the ingredients list.

✓ **A "best by" date that's at least six months away.** A best by date that's 10 or 11 months away is ideal; it means the food was made very recently. Note: Foods made with synthetic preservatives (BHA, BHT, ethoxyquin) may have a "best by" date that is as much as two years past the date of manufacture.

AVOID THESE TRAITS

The following are things you *don't* want to see in the ingredients.

✗ **Meat by-products or poultry by-products.** Higher-value ingredients are processed and stored more carefully (kept clean and cold) than lower-cost ingredients (such as by-products) by meat processors.

✗ **A "generic" fat source** such as "animal fat." This can literally be any fat of animal origin, including used restaurant

grease. "Poultry" fat is not quite as suspect as "animal fat," but "chicken fat" or "duck fat" is better (and traceable).

X Added sweeteners. Dogs, like humans, enjoy the taste of sweet foods. Sweeteners effectively persuade many dogs to eat foods comprised mainly of grain fragments (and containing little healthy animal protein).

X Artificial colors, flavors, or preservatives (i.e., BHA, BHT, ethoxyquin). The color of the food doesn't matter to your dog. And it should be flavored well enough to be enticing with healthy meats and fats. Natural preservatives, such as tocopherols (vitamin E), vitamin C, and rosemary extract, can be used instead. Note that natural preservatives do not preserve foods as long as artificial preservatives, so owners should always check the "best by" date on the label and look for relatively fresh products.

ADDITION FOODS

Kent, WA. (425) 251-0330; addictionfoods.com
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - **Addiction** (7 varieties, including 5 grain-free)

MADE BY - Addiction Foods NZ Limited, Te Puke, New Zealand

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Salmon Bleu contains: Salmon meal, potatoes, chicken fat, smoked salmon, dried blueberries, dried cranberries . . . 24% protein; 13% fat

AINSWORTH PET NUTRITION

Meadville, PA. (800) 219-2558;
backtobasicspetfood.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - **Back to Basics** (4 varieties)

MADE BY - Ainsworth Pet Nutrition's own plants in Meadville, PA; Dumas, AR; Pittsburg, KS

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Back to Basics Turkey contains: Turkey giblets (livers and hearts), turkey meal, turkey, chicken meal, tapioca, pea protein . . . 38% protein; 18% fat

NEW PRODUCTS FOR THIS LIST

APPEAR IN YELLOW BARS

GOOD EXAMPLES: WDJ'S "APPROVED DRY FOODS"

We've used the criteria above to assess the product lines of the following companies, representing hundreds of different dry dog foods. All of the products listed below meet our basic selection criteria for top-quality foods.

We've listed the first six ingredients and the minimum percentages of protein and fat from a representative product from each company.

Please note that the products are NOT rated or ranked; they are listed alphabetically by COMPANY. So, for example, if you are looking for Origen, look under its maker, CHAMPION PET FOODS.

ADJUST AS NECESSARY

You may have been told that it's bad to switch foods, or you may have had a bad experience when your dog ate something different and erupted in gas or diarrhea. With most dogs, the more you change

foods, the more robust and capable their digestion becomes. We suggest switching foods every few months (or even more frequently; we switch our dogs' food with every bag). Switching foods frequently also helps prevent the development of allergies, and helps provide nutritional "balance over time." If your dog ate the same food for months and years, the nutrient levels - particularly the mineral levels - become literally entrenched in your dog's body. This can be particularly harmful if the food you feed contains excessive or insufficient levels of certain vitamins or minerals.

Finally, watch your dog! Let her tell you how the new food works for her. Keep track of what foods you've tried (when the bag is empty, we cut out the ingredients panel and tape it to the calendar). This way, you can continue to make adjustments and improvements in your dog's diet - and, we hope, huge improvements in her physical condition, skin and coat, and overall energy level. ✨

ANNAMAET PETFOODS

Telford, PA. (888) 723-0367; annamaet.com
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - **Annamaet** (8 varieties, including 3 grain-free)

MADE BY - Ohio Pet Foods, Lisbon, OH
1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Annamaet Encore contains: Chicken meal, brown rice, millet, rolled oats, pearled barley, chicken fat . . . 25% protein; 14% fat

ARTEMIS PET FOODS

Carson, CA. (800) 282-5876;
artemiscompany.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - **Fresh Mix** (8 varieties, including 2 puppy); **Osopure** (1 variety); **Professional**

MADE BY - Diamond Pet Products, Ripon, CA; Pioneer Naturals Pet Food, Hamlin, TX

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Fresh Mix Adult contains: Chicken, chicken meal, turkey, barley, brown rice, oatmeal . . . 23% protein; 14% fat

BENCH & FIELD PET FOODS

Grand Rapids, MI. (800) 525-4802;
benchandfield.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - **Holistic Natural Canine**

MADE BY - WellPet in Mishawaka, IN

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Holistic Natural Canine contains: Chicken meal, brown rice, white rice, oatmeal, chicken fat, pork meal . . . 24% protein; 15% fat



BLACKWOOD PET FOOD

Lisbon, OH. (888) 843-1738;
blackwoodpetfood.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - **Blackwood** (10 varieties, including 2 grain-free)

MADE BY - Ohio Pet Foods, Lisbon, OH (parent company of Blackwood Pet Food)

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Blackwood Lamb Meal & Rice contains: Lamb meal, brown rice, millet, ground sorghum, catfish meal, canola oil . . . 24.5% protein; 14% fat

BLUE BUFFALO COMPANY

Wilton, CT. (800) 919-2833; bluebuffalo.com
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Blue Basics** (9 varieties with “meat first and limited ingredients”); **Blue Freedom** (4 grain-free varieties); **Blue Life Protection** (19 varieties); **Blue Longevity** (3 “lean for life” varieties); **Blue Wilderness** (8 grain-free varieties)
MADE BY – American Nutrition, Hazle Township, PA; CJ Foods, Bern, KS; ProPet, St. Mary’s, OH and Owatonna, MN; Triple T Foods, Frontenac, KS; Tuffy’s Pet Foods, Perham, MN
1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Blue Basics Turkey & Potato contains: Deboned turkey, peas, potatoes, brown rice, turkey meal, flaxseed . . . 22% protein; 12% fat

BREEDER'S CHOICE PET FOODS

(See Central Garden & Pet)

BURNS PET HEALTH

Valparaiso, IN. (877) 983-9651;
burnspethhealth.com
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Burns** (3 varieties)
MADE BY – CJ Foods in Pawnee City, NE
1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Burns Holistic Brown Rice & Ocean Fish contains: Brown rice, ocean fish meal, peas, oats, chicken fat, sunflower oil . . . 18.5% protein; 7.5% fat

CANIDAE NATURAL PET FOOD

San Luis Obispo, CA. (800) 398-1600;
canidae.com
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Canidae** (10 varieties, including 4 grain-free and 1 “single grain, protein plus” variety)
MADE BY – Diamond Pet Foods in Gaston, SC; Ripon, CA; and Meta, MO; Canidae’s own new plant, Ethos Pet Nutrition, Brownwood, TX
1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Canidae Grain-Free pureSEA contains: Salmon meal, potatoes, potato protein, ocean fish meal, canola oil, peas . . . 40% protein; 20% fat



CANINE CAVIAR PET FOODS

Riverside, CA. (800) 392-7898;
caninecaviar.com
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Canine Caviar** (10 varieties, including 5 grain-free)
MADE BY – Southern Tier Pet Nutrition, Sherburne, NY
1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Lamb & Pearl Millet ALS (all life stages) Dinner contains: Dehydrated lamb, pearl millet, lamb fat, yeast culture, alfalfa, calcium proteinate . . . 25% protein; 14% fat

CARNA4 INC.

Toronto, Ontario. (855) 422-7624; carna4.com
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Carna4**
MADE BY – Bio Biscuit, Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec
1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Carna4 contains: Chicken, chicken liver, eggs, organic sprouted barley seeds, salmon, vegetables (peas, sweet potatoes, carrots, spinach, garlic) . . . 24% protein; 15% fat

CASTOR & POLLUX PET WORKS

(Now owned by Merrick Pet Care) Amarillo, TX. (800) 875-7518; castorpolluxpet.com
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Castor & Pollux Organix** (6 varieties, including 2 grain-free); **Castor & Pollux Ultramix** (6 varieties, including 1 grain-free)
MADE BY – Merrick’s own plant in Hereford, TX
1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Organix Adult Grain-Free contains: Organic chicken, poultry meal, organic tapioca, organic peas, organic soybean meal, organic potato . . . 30% protein; 12% fat

CENTRAL GARDEN & PET

Walnut Creek, CA. (888) 500-6286; central.com
apdselectchoice.com, avodermnatural.com, goactivedog.com, pinnaclepet.com
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Active Care** (2 varieties); **Advanced Pet Diets Select Choice** (6 varieties); **AvoDerm Natural** (9 varieties, 2 grain-free); **AvoDerm Natural Oven-Baked** (3 varieties); **AvoDerm Revolving Menu** (3 varieties); **Pinnacle Holistic** (6 varieties, 3 grain-free)
MADE BY – Central Garden’s own plant in Irwindale, CA
1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Avoderm Triple Protein contains: Chicken meal, brown rice, lamb meal, turkey meal, white rice, oatmeal . . . 26% protein; 13% fat

CHAMPION PETFOODS

Morinville, Alberta. (877) 939-0006;
championpetfoods.com
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Acana** (15 varieties, including 4 grain-free); **Orijen** (6 varieties, all grain-free)
MADE BY – Champion’s own plant in Morinville, Alberta, Canada
1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Orijen 6 Fish contains: Boneless salmon, salmon meal, herring meal, boneless herring, boneless walleye, russet potato . . . 38% protein; 18% fat

DIAMOND PET PRODUCTS

Meta, MO. (800) 442-0402;
chickensoupforthevetloverssoul.com;
premiumedgepetfood.com;
professionalpetfood.com;
tasteofthewildpetfood.com
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover’s Soul** (7 varieties); **Premium Edge** (8 varieties); **Professional Pet Food** (7 varieties); **Taste of the Wild** (7 varieties, all grain-free).
MADE BY – Diamond’s own manufacturing facilities in Gaston, SC; Lathrop, CA; Ripon, CA; and Meta, MO
1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Taste of the Wild Sierra Mountain Canine contains: Lamb, lamb meal, potatoes, peas, canola oil, pea protein . . . 25% protein; 15% fat

DOGSWELL

Los Angeles, CA. (888) 559-8833;
dogswell.com
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Happy Hips** (1 variety); **Nutrisca** (3 grain-free, potato-free varieties); **Vitality** (1 variety).
MADE BY – Tuffy’s Pet Foods, Perham, MN
1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Happy Hips Chicken & Oats contains: Chicken, chicken meal, oats, barley, brown rice, natural flavor . . . 24% protein; 12% fat

DR. GARY'S BEST BREED

Findlay, OH. (800) 500-5999; bestbreed.com
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Best Breed** (12 varieties, including 6 breed-specific)
MADE BY – Ohio Pet Foods, Lisbon, OH
1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Best Breed Catfish With Vegetables & Herbs contains: Catfish meal, pearled barley, brown rice, canola oil, oatmeal, tomato pomace . . . 23% protein; 13% fat



DR. TIM'S PET FOOD COMPANY

Ishpeming, MI. (906) 249-8486; drtims.com
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Dr. Tim's (4 varieties, including 1 grain-free)

MADE BY – Ohio Pet Foods, Lisbon, OH

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Dr. Tim's Kinesis contains: Chicken meal, brown rice flour, oat flour, pearled barley, chicken fat, dried beet pulp . . . 26% protein; 18% fat

DRS. FOSTER & SMITH

Rhineland, WI. (800) 562-7169;
 drsfostersmith.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Drs. Foster & Smith Dog Food (5 varieties).

MADE BY – CJ Foods, Pawnee City, NE

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Drs. Foster & Smith Lamb & Brown Rice contains: Lamb, lamb meal, brown rice, barley, brewers rice, oat groats . . . 21% protein; 11% fat

EVANGER'S DOG & CAT FOOD CO.

Wheeling, IL. (800) 288-6796;
 evangersdogfood.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Evanger's (5 varieties, 2 grain-free)

MADE BY – Mid America Pet Foods, Mt. Pleasant, TX

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Pheasant & Brown Rice contains: Pheasant, duck meal, brown rice, salmon meal, pearled barley, oatmeal . . . 24% protein; 14% fat

FIRSTMATE PET FOODS

North Vancouver, British Columbia. (604) 985-3032; firstmate.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – FirstMate Classic (4 varieties); FirstMate Grain-Free (7 varieties); Skoki (1 variety)

MADE BY – FirstMate's own plant in Chilliwack, BC, Canada

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – FirstMate's Grain-Free Chicken & Blueberries contains: Potato, chicken meal, chicken fat, whole blueberries, (vitamin/mineral ingredients) . . . 25% protein; 14% fat

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FROMM FAMILY FOODS

Mequon, WI. (262) 242-2200;
 frommfamily.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Fromm Four-Star Canine Entrees (9 varieties, including 4 grain-free); Gold Nutritionals (7 varieties); Fromm Classics (2 varieties)

MADE BY – Fromm's own plants in Columbus, WI and Mequon, WI

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Four Star Duck & Sweet Potato contains: Duck, duck meal, pearled barley, sweet potatoes, brown rice, oatmeal . . . 24% protein; 15% fat

GRANDMA MAE'S

New York, NY. (888) 653-8021;
 grandmamaes.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Grandma Mae's Country Naturals (5 varieties, including 1 grain-free)

MADE BY – Ohio Pet Foods, Lisbon, OH; Southern Tier Pet Nutrition, Sherburne, NY

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Grandma Mae's Country Naturals Adult contains: Chicken, chicken meal, brown rice, oats, barley, rice . . . 24% protein; 14% fat

HILL'S PET NUTRITION, INC.

Topeka, KS. (800) 445-5777; hillspet.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Science Diet Ideal Balance (4 varieties, including 1 grain-free)

MADE BY – Hill's Pet Nutrition's own plants in Emporia, KS; Richmond, IN; and Bowling Green, KY

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Science Diet Ideal Balance Adult chicken & Brown Rice contains: Chicken, brown rice, wheat, cracked pearled barley, soybean meal, chicken meal. . . 24.8% protein; 16.1% fat

HI-TEK RATIIONS

Dublin, GA. (800) 284-4835;
 www.hitekration.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Hi-Tek Naturals (6 varieties, including 3 grain-free; Life 4K9 (2 varieties); Perfectly Natural Dog (3 varieties)

MADE BY – Hi-Tek's own plant in Dublin, GA

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Perfectly Natural Dog Adult contains: Chicken meal, brown rice, white rice, barley, chicken fat, white fish . . . 26% protein; 16% fat

HORIZON PET NUTRITION

Rosthern, Saskatchewan. (403) 279-5874;
 horizonpetfood.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Amicus (3 grain-free varieties); Horizon Complete (5 varieties); Horizon Legacy (3 varieties); and Pulsar (2 varieties)

MADE BY – Horizon's own plant in Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada.

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Horizon Legacy Adult contains: Chicken, chicken meal, pea, pea starch, turkey meal, chicken fat . . . 34% protein; 15% fat

KENT NUTRITION GROUP

Muscataine, IA. (877) 367-9225;
 bynaturepetfoods.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – By Nature (9 varieties, including 1 grain-free and 1 organic)

MADE BY – Kent Nutrition Group's own plant in Arcade, NY; By Nature Organics is made at CJ Foods, Pawnee City, NE

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – By Nature Pork & Sweet Potato contains: Pork meal, ground barley, canola oil, sweet potatoes, flaxseed meal, oatmeal . . . 24% protein; 14% fat

LINCOLN BIOTECH

Beamsville, Ontario. (800) 253-8128;
 lincolnbitech.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Zinpro

MADE BY – Spector Feed Services, Moorfield, Ontario, Canada

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Zinpro contains: Menhaden fish meal, brown rice, oatmeal, ground barley, herring meal, oat flour . . . 22% protein; 12% fat

LOTUS NATURAL FOOD

Torrance, CA. (888) 995-6887;
 lotuspetfoods.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Lotus (5 varieties, including 1 grain-free)

MADE BY – Bio Biscuit, St Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY – Lotus Lamb contains: Lamb, lamb meal, rye, pollack, brown rice, barley . . . 24% protein; 12% fat; 4.5% fiber; 10% moisture.

MERRICK PET CARE

Amarillo, TX. (800) 664-7387;
merrickpetcare.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Before Grain (3 grain-free varieties); **Merrick 5-Star** (10 varieties, including 4 grain-free); **Whole Earth Farms** (3 varieties)

MADE BY - Merrick Pet Care's own plant in Hereford, TX

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Merrick's Cowboy Cookout contains: Beef, pork meal, ground rice, oatmeal, pearled barley, salmon meal . . . 24% protein; 14% fat

MIDWESTERN PET FOODS, INC.

Evansville, IN; (800) 752-2319;
earthbornholisticpetfood.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Earthborn Holistic (8 varieties, including 1 puppy and 4 grain-free).

MADE BY - Midwestern's own plant in Monmouth, IL

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Earthborn Primitive Natural contains: Turkey meal, chicken meal, whitefish meal, potatoes, chicken fat, dried egg product . . . 38% protein; 20% fat

MULLIGAN STEW PET FOOD

Jackson, WY. (888) 364-7839;
mulliganstewpetfood.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Mulligan Stew (3 varieties)

MADE BY - Mountain Country Foods, Okeene, OK

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Mulligan Stew Lamb contains: Lamb, brown rice, oats, lamb meal, lamb liver, dehydrated alfalfa meal . . . 26% protein; 10% fat

NATURA PET PRODUCTS

(a division of Procter & Gamble Pet Care)
Fremont, NE; (800) 532-7261; naturapet.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - **California Natural** (14 varieties, including 5 grain-free); **Evo** (7 grain-free varieties); **HealthWise** (5 varieties); **Innova** (13 varieties, including 3 grain-free); **Karma** (1 organic variety)

MADE BY - Natura's own plant in Fremont, NE

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Innova Prime Grain-Free Beef & Lamb contains: Beef, lamb meal, green lentils, red lentils, sunflower oil, flaxseed . . . 36% protein; 16% fat

NATURE'S SELECT CORP.

Anaheim, CA. (888) 814-7387;
naturalpetfooddelivery.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Nature's Select (8 varieties)

MADE BY - Mid America Pet Foods Mt. Pleasant, TX

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Nature's Select Classic contains: Chicken meal, brown rice, oatmeal, pearled millet, chicken fat, lamb meal . . . 24% protein; 12% fat

NATURAL BALANCE

Pacoima, CA. (800) 829-4493;
naturalbalanceinc.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Limited Ingredient Diets (13 varieties); **Alpha Dog Formulas** (3 grain-free varieties); **Organic** (1 variety); **Ultra Premium** (5 varieties, incl. 1 vegetarian). **MADE BY** - American Nutrition Inc., Ogden, UT; CJ Foods, Bern, KS; and Diamond Pet Foods in Gaston, SC; Ripon, CA; Vitaline Pet Products, Hazel Township, PA

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Natural Balance Organic contains: Organic chicken, organic brown rice, chicken meal, organic oats, organic millet, organic barley . . . 22% protein; 13% fat

NATURE'S VARIETY

Lincoln, NE. (888) 519-7387;
naturesvariety.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Instinct (8 grain-free varieties); **Prairie** (7 varieties)

MADE BY - Pied Piper Mills in Hamlin, TX

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Prairie Beef & Barley contains: Beef meal, barley, brown rice, oatmeal, chicken fat, ground flaxseed . . . 26% protein; 14% fat

NUTRO ULTRA

Franklin, TN. (800) 833-5330; ultraholistic.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Ultra Holistic (11 varieties)

MADE BY - Nutro's own plants in Victorville, CA and Lebanon, TN

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Ultra Adult contains: Chicken, chicken meal, brown rice, rice, rice bran, chicken fat . . . 25% protein; 14% fat

PARTY ANIMAL

West Hollywood, CA. (855) 727-8926;
partyanimalpetfood.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Party Animal

MADE BY - Tuffy's Pet Foods in Perham, MN

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Party Animal contains: Organic chicken, chicken meal, organic brown rice, organic oats, organic barley, natural turkey and chicken flavor . . . 23% protein; 14% fat

PERFECT HEALTH DIET PRODUCTS

(See Vland)

PERFORMANCE PET PRODUCTS

Mitchell, SD.
(866) 868-0874;
springnaturals.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - **Spring Naturals** (13 varieties, including 5 grain-free and 1 organic) **MADE BY** - CJ Foods, Bern, KS and Pawnee City, NE

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Spring Naturals Organic Chicken Dinner contains: Organic chicken, organic peas, organic chickpeas, organic dried eggs, organic quinoa, organic chicken fat . . . 23% protein; 15% fat



PET CHEF EXPRESS

New Westminster, British Columbia.
(604) 916-2433; petchefexpress.ca

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Pet Chef Express

MADE BY - Nutreco, St. Mary's, Ontario

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Pet Chef Express contains: Salmon meal, oats, millet, hullless barley, canola oil, salmon oil . . . 25% protein; 10% fat

PETCUREAN PET NUTRITION

Chilliwack, British Columbia. (866) 864-6112;
petcurean.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Go! (6 varieties, including 3 grain-free); **Now Fresh** (7 varieties, all grain-free); **Summit Holistics** (6 varieties)

MADE BY - Elmira Pet Products, Elmira, Ontario

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Go! Refresh+ Renew Chicken contains: Chicken meal, deboned chicken, brown rice, white rice, oatmeal, sunflower oil . . . 24% protein; 14% fat

PET GUARD

Green Cove Springs, FL. (800) 874-3221;
petguard.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - PetGuard LifeSpan, PetGuard Organics LifePath, PetGuard Organics Vegetarian

MADE BY - CJ Foods, Bern, KS

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY -

PetGuard LifeSpan contains: Chicken, chicken meal, brown rice, oatmeal, chicken fat, eggs . . . 24% protein; 15% fat

PET VALU

Markham, Ontario. (800) 738-8258;
performatrinultra.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Performatrin Ultra (6 varieties, 1 grain-free)

MADE BY - Elmira Pet Products, Elmira, Ontario

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY -

Performatrin Ultra Chicken & Brown Rice formula contains: Chicken, chicken meal, brown rice, oatmeal, rice, pearled barley . . . 22% protein; 12% fat

PRECISE PET PRODUCTS

Nacogdoches, TX. (888) 477-3247;
precisepet.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Precise Holistic

Complete (9 varieties, 2 grain-free)

MADE BY - Texas Farm Products' own plant in Nacogdoches, TX

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Precise Holistic Complete Wild at Heart River contains: Salmon meal, brown rice, potato, oatmeal, chicken fat, rice bran . . . 24% protein; 15% fat

PYRAMID PET PRODUCTS

Las Vegas, NV. (888) 408-0895;
pyramidpet.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Tuscan Natural Simply Pure (2 varieties with limited ingredients);

Tuscan Natural Harvest (3 varieties); Tuscan Natural Carne (2 grain-free varieties).

MADE BY - CJ Foods, Bern, KS

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Tuscan Natural Simply Pure Chicken contains: chicken meal, brown rice, rice, chicken fat, olive oil, flaxseed . . . 21% protein; 11% fat

PROCTER & GAMBLE PET CARE

Cincinnati, OH. (888) 385-2682;
eukanuba.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Eukanuba Naturally Wild (6 varieties); Eukanuba Pure Formulas (3 varieties)

MADE BY - Eukanuba's own plants in Aurora, NE; Leipsic, OH; Henderson, NC

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY -

Eukanuba Naturally Wild New Zealand Venison & Potato contains: Venison, potato, sorghum, brewers rice, barley, chicken meal . . . 23% protein; 14% fat

SMARTPAK CANINE

Plymouth, MA. (800) 461-8898; smartpak.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - LiveSmart (5 varieties)

MADE BY - Ohio Pet Food, Lisbon, OH

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY -

LiveSmart Lamb & Brown Rice Adult contains: Lamb, lamb meal, brown rice, barley, oats, dried beet pulp . . . 21% protein; 11% fat

THREE DOG BAKERY

Kansas City, MO. (800) 487-3287;
threedog.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Bake to Nature (4 varieties)

MADE BY - Hampshire Pet Products, Joplin, MO

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Bake to Nature Chicken contains: Chicken, chicken meal, oatmeal, barley, rice, rice bran . . . 22% protein; 10% fat

SOLID GOLD HEALTH PRODUCTS

El Cajon, CA. (800) 364-4863;
solidgoldhealth.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Solid Gold (9 varieties, including 2 grain-free).

MADE BY - Crosswinds Industries, Sabetha, KS; and Diamond Pet Products, Meta, MO

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Sun Dancer Grain- and Gluten-Free contains: Chicken, chicken meal, tapioca, peas, whitefish meal, quinoa . . . 30% protein; 14% fat

TUFFY'S PET FOODS

Perham, MN. (800) 525-9155;
nutrisourcedogfood.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Natural Planet Organics (1 variety); NutriSource (16 varieties, including 6 grain-free); PureVita (6 varieties, 3 grain-free)

MADE BY - Tuffy's own plant in Perham, MN
1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Natural Planet Organics contains: Organic chicken,

chicken meal, organic brown rice, organic oats, organic barley, natural flavors . . . 23% protein; 14% fat

VERUS PET FOODS

Abingdon, MD. (888) 828-3787;
veruspetsfoods.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - VerRus (5 varieties)

MADE BY - Ohio Pet Foods, Lisbon, OH

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - VerRUS Advanced Opticoat Diet Menhaden Fish Meal & Potato contains: Menhaden fish meal, potato, barley, oats, beet pulp, Menhaden fish oil . . . 22% protein; 11% fat

VETS CHOICE

Deer Park, NY. (800) 992-9738; vetschoice.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Vets Choice Health Extension (5 varieties)

MADE BY - Southern Tier Pet Foods, Sherburne, NY

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Vets Choice Health Extension Original contains: Organic chicken, chicken meal, brown rice, oatmeal, chicken fat, lamb meal . . . 24% protein; 18% fat

VIAND

(formerly known as PHD)
Elmsford, NY. (800) 743-1502; viandpet.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Viand (2 varieties)

MADE BY - Southern Tier Pet Nutrition, Sherburne, NY

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Viand Canine Growth & Maintenance contains: Lamb meal, chicken meal, oat groats, whole brown rice, chicken fat, flaxseed meal . . . 26% protein; 16% fat

WELLPET

Tewksbury, MA. (800) 225-0904;
holisticselect.com; wellnesspetfood.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE - Holistic Select (12 varieties, including 1 grain-free); Core (5 grain-free varieties); Simple Food Solutions (4 varieties, including 2 grain-free); Complete Health Super5Mix (11 varieties).

MADE BY - WellPet's own plant, Mishawaka, IN; Hagen Pet Foods, Waverly, NY, and Vita-line Products, Inc., Hazleton, PA

1ST SIX INGREDIENTS OF SAMPLE VARIETY - Holistic Select Radiant Adult Health Chicken Meal & Rice contains: Chicken meal, brown rice, white rice, oatmeal, chicken fat, pork meal . . . 24% protein; 15% fat