

Top 10 Dry Dog Foods" review

The Whole Dog Journal" (WDJ) - February 1999 did a "Top 10 Dry Dog Foods" review. For those of us always wondering what the "critics" think, here is what they had to say. . .

WDJ said they spent months examing the labels of all the best dry dog food they could find looking for truly healthy, top quality foods. They went on to say that they don't pretend to have looked at EVERY dog food on the market. In order to earn the title "premium", and make it onto their top 10 list the food had to be something really special. . . wholesome, pure, and beneficial ingredients. Here is what they were looking for:

- Best sources of protein (whole, fresh meats or single-source meat i.e. chicken meal rather than poultry meal).
- No meat by-products (by-products in and of themselves are not necessarily bad, but these second-class products are not handled as carefully as whole meat).
- A whole-meat source as one of the first two ingredients (chicken or chicken meal as opposed to chicken fat).
- No artificial preservatives (including BHA, BHT, or ethoxyquin).
- No artificial colors.
- No sugars and sweeteners like corn syrup, sucrose, and ammoniated glycyrrhizin.
- No propylene glycol.

They are reported here for informational purposes only and are in alphabetical order:

Back to Basics (Chicken formula); California Natural; Canidae; Flint River; Innova; Limited Diet; PetGuard LifeSpan; Pinnacle; Solid Gold; Wysong.

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(prices may vary from region to region)

Dog Food	Weight	Price	Per/lb	% Protein	%Fat	%Fiber	%Moisture	Ingredients
Back to Basics (chicken)	40.0lbs	\$39.99	\$1.00	23.0	19.0	4.0	10.0	Chicken meal,ground corn,chicken fat,oatmeal,long grain rice,dried tomato pomace,dried whole eggs,fish meal (hering) natural flavorings
California Natural	36.0lbs	\$33.00	\$0.92	21.0	11.0	4.5	10.0	Lamb Meal, brown rice,rice,sunflower oil,vitamons/minerals
Canidae	40.0 lbs.	\$29.99	\$0.75	24.0	14.5 0	4.0	18.0	White rice, lamb meal, poultry fat, fish Meal, flax seed, alfalfa meal, sunflower Oil . .
Flint River Chicken Meal & Rice Formula	20.0 lbs.	\$22.51	\$1.62	23.0	12.00	4.00	10.0	10.0 Chicken meal, wheat flour, ground rice, lamb meal, poultry fat, ground wheat,

								dried whole eggs, lecithin, fish meal, dried brewer's yeast . . .
Innova	8.1 lbs	\$10.99	\$1.36	24.0	14.0	3.0	10.0	Turkey, chicken, chicken meal, whole grnd. Barley, whole grnd. brown rice, whole steamed potatoes, grnd. White rice, chicken fat, herring, whole raw apples. . .
Limited Diets (Lamb)	20.0 lbs.	\$29.58	\$1.48	19.00	10.0	4.5	4.5	Potato, lamb, lamb meal, lamb fat, canola oil, lamb digest, (vitamins and minerals).
Pinnacle	30.0 lbs.	\$36.70	\$1.22	25.0	15.0	5.0	10.0	Chicken meal, whole grnd. Chicken, whole oat flour, toasted oats, tomato pomace, potato, chicken fat, quinoa, dehydrated mixed

								vegetables, grapeseed oil . . .
Solid Gold Hund-N- Flocken	40.0 lbs.	\$39.99	\$1.00	22.0	8.0	5.0	10.0	Lamb meal, ground whole millet, ground brown rice, ground whole barley, amaranth, menhaden fish meal, rice oil, canola oil, flaxseed oil, garlic. . .
Petguard Lifespan	38.0lbs.	\$45.95	\$1.00	24.0	12.0	4.3	12.0	Chicken, chicken meal, ground brown rice, ground yellow corn, corn gluten meal, oatmeal, poultry fat, dried chicken liver, dried whole egg. . .
Wysong Maintenance	40.0 lbs.	\$39.99	\$1.00	24.0	12.0	4.3	12.0	Chicken, chicken meal, grnd. Brown rice, grnd, yellow corn, corn gluten meal, oatmeal, poultry fat,

								grnd. Whole soybeans, corn gluten meal, salt, dried kelp. . .
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