

# Analyzing the Ingredients

At All The Best Pet Care we believe in giving our pets nothing but the highest quality foods made with wholesome, nutritious ingredients. With so many brands to choose from it can be hard to select the very best ones to feed your pet. Our foods feature USDA meats, whole nutritious grains or starches like brown rice, barley and potato, natural preservatives, and fruits and vegetables. Be wary of foods that contain the following low-quality ingredients:

	<u>What is it?</u>	<u>Why is it used?</u>	<u>What's wrong with it?</u>
<b>Animal or meat by-products</b>	Rendered and ground carcasses and parts including heads, brains, bones, feet and intestines.	As a cheap source of poor quality protein in inexpensive foods.	Often sourced from “4D” animals, roadkill, euthanized pets or zoo animals, or restaurant waste.
<b>Animal digest</b>	A cooked down substance made from animal parts not including hair, teeth, horns or hooves.	As a palatability and smell enhancer in low quality foods.	Often sourced from “4D” animals, roadkill, euthanized pets or zoo animals, or restaurant waste.
<b>Artificial colors</b>	Dyes used to color foods including Red #40, Yellow #5 and Yellow #6.	To replicate the color of fresh meat and other ingredients for marketing purposes.	Dyes have been linked with health conditions ranging from mild to severe, including cancer.
<b>Chemical preservatives (BHA, BHT, Ethoxyquin)</b>	Chemical substances used to preserve fats and oils in dry pet food.	To preserve and stabilize dry pet foods as a less expensive alternative to natural preservatives.	BHA and BHT are banned in many countries. All are known or suspected carcinogens.
<b>Corn and Wheat</b>	Found in many forms as primary ingredients in low quality pet food. Acceptable in small amounts.	As an inexpensive source of incomplete proteins to act as a “filler” in low end foods.	Common allergens for dogs and cats, they are poorly digested and the protein is largely unavailable .
<b>Corn gluten meal</b>	The dried protein by-product of making corn starch or syrup.	Used as an inexpensive and low ash source of protein.	Provides incomplete proteins to carnivores. Can disturb immune system function.
<b>Propylene Glycol</b>	A sweet humectant used to keep food and treats soft and prolong shelf life.	To ensure a long shelf life (up to five years) and make foods appear meat-like in texture.	A cousin to antifreeze and a potential cause of digestive issues including constipation.
<b>Soy</b>	An inexpensive source of protein found in many low-grade foods.	Soy is used as a meat substitute in vegetarian diets and to boost protein percentages.	Another common allergen and an inaccessible source of protein for dogs and cats.
<b>Sugar</b>	It comes in many forms including corn syrup and beet pulp sugar.	To increase palatability and act as a humectant to preserve food	Can lead to diabetes and weight gain and contribute to behavioral problems like hyperactivity.

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