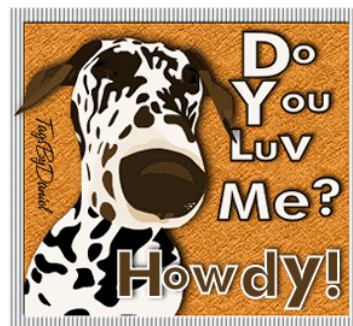


**Dog Food Rating.** I found this to be very interesting and I thought I might share it with you. Some of the foods I have never heard of, some are from the Vet only, many are from overseas.



Start with a grade of 100:

- ❖ For every listing of "by-product", subtract 10 points
- ❖ For every non-specific animal source ("meat" or "poultry", meat meal or fat) reference, subtract 10 points
- ❖ If the food contains BHA, BHT, or ethoxyquin, subtract 10 points
- ❖ For every grain "mill run" or non-specific grain source, subtract 5 points
- ❖ If the same grain ingredient is used two or more times in the first five ingredients (i.e. "ground brown rice", "brewer's rice", "rice flour" are all the same grain), subtract 5 points
- ❖ If the protein sources are not meat meal and there are less than two meats in the top three ingredients, subtract 3 points
  - If it contains any artificial colorants, subtract 3 points
- ❖ If it contains ground corn or whole grain corn, subtract 3 points
- ❖ If corn is listed in the top five ingredients, subtract 2 more points
- ❖ If the food contains any animal fat other than fish oil, subtract 2 points
- ❖ If lamb is the only animal protein source (unless your dog is allergic to other protein sources), subtract 2 points
- ❖ If it contains soy or soybeans, subtract 2 points
- ❖ If it contains wheat (unless you know that your dog isn't allergic to wheat), subtract 2 points
- ❖ If it contains beef (unless you know that your dog isn't allergic to beef), subtract 1 point
- ❖ If it contains salt, subtract 1 point

Give Extra Credit:

- ❖ If any of the meat sources are organic, add 5 points
- ❖ If the food is endorsed by any major breed group or nutritionist, add 5 points
- ❖ If the food is baked not extruded, add 5 points
- ❖ If the food contains probiotics, add 3 points
- ❖ If the food contains fruit, add 3 points
- ❖ If the food contains vegetables (NOT corn or other grains), add 3 points
- ❖ If the animal sources are hormone-free and antibiotic-free, add 2 points
- ❖ If the food contains barley, add 2 points
- ❖ If the food contains flax seed oil (not just the seeds), add 2 points
- ❖ If the food contains oats or oatmeal, add 1 point
- ❖ If the food contains sunflower oil, add 1 point

- ❖ For every different specific animal protein source (other than the first one, count "chicken" and "chicken meal" as only one protein source, but "chicken" and "" as 2 different sources), add 1 point
- ❖ If it contains glucosamine and chondroitin, add 1 point
- ❖ If the vegetables have been tested for pesticides and are pesticide-free, add 1 point

## Scores:

- 94-100+ = A BEST!
- 86-93 = B STILL GOOD.
- 78-85 = C May need to change or add additives.
- 70-77 = D Need to think about changing.
- 69 = F AWFUL! CHANGE!

Here are some foods that have already been scored.

### **Lionel's Choice Adult 97 A**

- Authority Harvest Baked / Score 116 A+
- Canidae / Score 112 A+
- Chicken Soup Senior / Score 115 A+
- Diamond Maintenance / Score 64 F
- Diamond Lamb Meal & Rice / Score 92 B
- Diamond Large Breed 60+ Formula / Score 99 A
- Dick Van Patten's Duck and Potato / Score 106 A+
- Foundations / Score 106 A+
- Hund-n-Flocken Adult Dog (lamb) by Solid Gold / Score 73 D
- Iams Lamb Meal & Rice Formula Premium / Score 73 D
- Innova Dog / Score 114 A+
- Innova Evo / Score 114 A+
- Nutrisource Lamb and Rice / Score 87 B
- Nutro Natural Choice Large Breed Puppy / Score 87 B
- Pet Gold Adult with Lamb & Rice / Score 23 F
- ProPlan Natural Turkey & Barley / Score 103 A+
- Purina Beneful / Score 17 F
- Purina Dog / Score 62 F
- Purina Come-n-Get It / Score 16 F
- Royal Canin Bulldog / Score 100 A+
- Royal Canin Natural Blend Adult / Score 106 A+
- Sensible Choice Chicken and Rice / Score 97 A
- Science Diet Advanced Protein Senior 7+ / Score 63 F
- Science Diet for Large Breed Puppies / Score 69 F
- Wellness Super 5 Mix Chicken / Score 110 A+
- Wolfking Adult Dog (bison) by Solid Gold / Score 97 A