

~ Grading Your Dog Food ~

What is the best dog food for my Standard Poodle

Looking at the ingredients of your dog's food, find the ingredient listed on the table below. Starting with 100 points, add or subtract the points given for each ingredient and total the points. Print this sheet to total your points for each item. The grade scale is listed at the end of the table.

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Starting with 100, add or subtract the points shown for each ingredient in your dog's food. Total your points and continue to the table to the right.	Start with 100 then Add or Subtract			Carry over your ending points from the left table, add or subtract the points shown for each ingredient in your dog's food. Total your points and add the total points from both tables together to get your Total Score.	Carry over your ending score then Add or Subtract		
	Start Score	add or Subtract	New Score		Start Score	add or Subtract	New Score
For every listing of "By-Product"		-10		BHA, BHT, or Ethoxyquin		-10	
For every Non-Specific Animal Source reference ("Meat" or "Poultry", Meat, Meal or Fat)		-10		Any Artificial Colorants		- 3	
For every Grain "Mill Run" or Non-Specific Grain Source		- 5		Ground Corn or Whole Grain Corn		- 3	
Same Grain ingredient used 2 or more times in the first 5 ingredients. (example: ground brown rice, brewer's rice, and rice flour are all the same grain)		- 5		Any Animal Fat (other than Fish Oil)		- 2	
Corn listed in the top 5 ingredients		-2		Soy or Soybeans		- 2	
Protein Sources are not meat meal and there are less than 2 meats in the top 3 ingredients		-3		Salt		- 1	
If Lamb is the only animal protein source (unless your dog is allergic to other protein sources)		- 2		Wheat (unless you know that your dog isn't allergic to wheat)		- 2	
Food is Baked NOT Extruded		+ 5		Beef (unless you know that your dog isn't allergic to beef)		- 1	
Food is endorsed by any major breed group or nutritionist		+ 5		Fruit		+ 3	
Animal sources are hormone-free and antibiotic-free		+ 2		Barley		+ 2	
Vegetables have been tested for pesticides and ARE Pesticide-Free		+ 1		Probiotics		+ 3	
Any of the meat sources are Organic		+ 5		Vegetables (NOT Corn or Other Grains)		+ 3	
For every different specific animal protein source, other than the 1st one. (example: Count "chicken" & "chicken meal" as only 1 protein source, BUT count "chicken" & "fish" as 2 different sources)		+ 1		Flax Seed Oil (not just the seeds)		+ 2	
				Oats or Oatmeal		+ 1	
				Sunflower Oil		+ 1	
				Glucosamine & Chondroitin		+ 1	

TOTAL YOUR POINTS FROM ABOVE _____

Carry this score over to the table on the right

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TOTAL SCORE (add totals from both tables together) _____

Grading Scale

100+ = A+ 94-100 = A 86-93 = B 78-85 = C 70-77 = D 69-below = F

SEE THE DOG FOODS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN RATED.For convenience we have listed the dog foods Alphabetically by [Brand](#) & then Numerically by [Score](#)**Alphabetically by Brand**

Brand	Score	Grade	Brand	Score	Grade
Authority Harvest Baked	116	A+	Nutrisource Lamb and Rice	87	B
Bil-Jac Select	68	F	Nutro Chicken, Rice, & Oatmeal (non-specific fat source)	85	C
Canidae	112	A+	Nutro Natural Choice Large Breed Puppy	87	B
Chicken Soup Senior	115	A+	Nutro Natural choice Lamb and Rice	85	C
Diamond Maintenance	64	F	Oi Roy	9	F
Diamond Lamb Meal & Rice	92	B	Pedigree Complete Nutrition	42	F
Diamond Large Breed 60+ Formula	99	A	Pedigree Adult Complete	14	F
Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance Ultra Premium	122	A+	Pet Gold Adult with Lamb & Rice	23	F
Dick Van Patten's Duck and Potato	106	A+	Pro Plan All Breed	68	F
Eagle Pack Holistic	119	A+	Pro Plan Natural Turkey & Barley	103	A+
Eagle Pack Holistic Chicken	114	A+	Purina Beneful	17	F
Eagle Pack Large and Giant Breed Puppy	94	A	Purina Dog	62	F
Eagle Pack Natural	94	A	Purina Come-n-Get It	16	F
Eukanuba Large Breed Adult	83	C	Royal Canin Bulldog	100	A+
Eukanuba Natural Lamb and Rice	87	B	Royal Canin Dachshund 28 Formula	97	A
Flint River Ranch (non-specific fat source)	92	B	Royal Canin Natural Blend Adult	106	A+
Foundations	106	A+	Sensible Choice Chicken and Rice	97	A
Hund-n-Flocken Adult Dog (lamb) by Solid Gold	93	A	Science Diet Advanced Protein Senior 7+	63	F
Iams Lamb Meal & Rice Formula Premium	73	D	Science Diet chicken adult maintenance	45	F
Iams Large Breed	83	C	Science Diet for Large Breed Puppies	69	F
Innova Dog	114	A+	Solid Gold Bison	123	A+
Innova Evo	114	A+	Timberwolf Organics Lamb and Venison	136	A+
Kirkland Signature Chicken, Rice, and Vegetables	110	A+	Wellness Just for Puppy	117	A+
Kirkland Signature Puppy Chicken, Rice and Vegetable	108	A+	Wellness Super5 Mix Chicken	110	A+
Natural Balance Duck and Potato	114	A+	Solid Gold Wolfking Adult Dog (Bison)	97	A

Numerical by Score

Brand	Score	Grade
Timberwolf Organics Lamb and Venison	136	A+
Solid Gold Bison	123	A+
Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance Ultra Premium	122	A+
Eagle Pack Holistic	119	A+
Wellness Just for Puppy	117	A+
Authority Harvest Baked	116	A+
Chicken Soup Senior	115	A+
Eagle Pack Holistic Chicken	114	A+
Innova Dog	114	A+
Innova Evo	114	A+
Natural Balance Duck and Potato	114	A+
Canidae	112	A+
Kirkland Signature Chicken, Rice, and Vegetables	110	A+
Wellness Super5 Mix Chicken	110	A+
Kirkland Signature Puppy Chicken, Rice and Vegetable	108	A+
Dick Van Patten's Duck and Potato	106	A+
Royal Canin Natural Blend Adult	106	A+
Foundations	106	A+
ProPlan Natural Turkey & Barley	103	A+
Royal Canin Bulldog	100	A+
Diamond Large Breed 60+ Formula	99	A
Royal Canin Dachshund 28 Formula	97	A
Sensible Choice Chicken and Rice	97	A
Solid Gold Wolfking Adult Dog (Bison)	97 A	A
Eagle Pack Large and Giant Breed Puppy	94	A

Brand	Score	Grade
Eagle Pack Natural	94	A
Solid Gold Hund-n-Flocken Adult Dog (lamb)	93	A
Diamond Lamb Meal & Rice	92	B
Flint River Ranch (non-specific fat source)	92	B
Eukanuba Natural Lamb and Rice	87	B
Nutrisource Lamb and Rice	87	B
Nutro Natural Choice Large Breed Puppy	87	B
Nutro Chicken, Rice, & Oatmeal (non-specific fat source)	85	C
Nutro Natural choice Lamb and Rice	85	C
Eukanuba Large Breed Adult	83	C
Iams Large Breed	83	C
Iams Lamb Meal & Rice Formula Premium	73	D
Science Diet for Large Breed Puppies	69	F
Bil-Jac Select	68	F
Pro Plan All Breed	68	F
Diamond Maintenance	64	F
Science Diet Advanced Protein Senior 7+	63	F
Purina Dog	62	F
Science Diet chicken adult maintenance	45	F
Pedigree Complete Nu	42	F
Pet Gold Adult with Lamb & Rice	23	F
Purina Beneful	17	F
Purina Come-n-Get It	16	F
Pedigree Adult Complete	14	F
O! Roy	9	F