

# DIABETIC CAT FOOD COMPARISON CHART

## Nutrition as nature intended

If I asked you what Nature would feed your cat, mice and small creatures are probably the first thing you'd think of. And you'd be right. That's because they all have one thing in common; they are made of basically meat and fat and almost no carbohydrates. The cat food you choose should match Mother Nature's nutrient profile for small creatures and should be at least 50% protein (from animal sources not plant proteins), a balanced fat level of 20% - 24% and should contain no more than 5% digestible carbs. However diabetic cats should never have digestible carbohydrates in their food.

	Juvenile Mouse	Young Again Zero Carb Cat Food	Young Again 50/22 Cat Food
<b>Protein %</b>	50-54	55	50
<b>Fat %</b>	22-26	24	22
<b>Carbs - digestible</b>	3-4%	ZERO	Less than 5%

## So why all the carbs and plant proteins when they're completely contrary to what your cat needs?

Simple. Carbs, including corn, rice potato, and plant proteins are cheap and meat protein is expensive. Unfortunately, most prescription diets on the market today for diabetic cats have a 15% - 30% carb content and use high levels of

plant proteins in their formulations. Plant proteins are never the best choice when you are feeding a meat eater like your cat and they would never choose them over meat in the wild. Since cats have no nutritional requirement for carbohydrates, why anyone would feed them to a diabetic cat is beyond common sense. Generally speaking, if you are able to put your cat on a zero carbohydrate formula soon after they are diagnosed, most cats will be off their insulin injections within 12 weeks, often in as little as 5 weeks. You will need to check the blood glucose levels of your cat often once they are on our food to adjust their insulin injections accordingly.

Ingredients in red on the chart below are comprised of cereal grains, fruits, vegetables, grasses, plant proteins, forage material and/or other ingredients that contain plant protein. Plant based ingredients that are included as sources of non-digestible dietary fiber are exempt and not shown in red (examples Tomato Pomace, Beet Pulp, Cellulose, Guar Gum and Pea Fiber). Potato Starch, although a plant material, is not shown in red because it contains no plant proteins. However it is still important that the total amount of digestible carbohydrates in the diet remains less than 5%, matching the body composition of a juvenile mouse.

**YOUNG AGAIN PHILOSOPHY:** The Young Again Philosophy is that digestible carbs in excess of 5% should not be fed to obligate carnivores like your cat. Young Again also believes that you should feed free choice and not have to restrict feed or portion control your cat to promote proper weight.

Chart 1 of 1		DIABETIC CAT FOOD BRAND						
Ingredients	Ingredients in red are plant products that we believe should not be fed to cats	Young Again Zero Carb Cat Food	Young Again 50/22 Cat Food	Hills Prescription Diet w/d Low Fat-Diabetic-Gastro-intestinal with Chicken	Hills Prescription Diet m/d Weight Loss-Low Carbo-hydrate- Diabetic	Hills Prescription Diet w/d Low Fat-Diabetic-Gastrointestinal	Royal Canin Veterinary Diet-Diabetic DS 44 Dry	Purina Veterinary Diets DM Dietetic Management Feline Formula
	1st ingredient	Chicken Meal	Chicken Meal	Brewers Rice	Chicken By Product Meal	Brewers Rice	Chicken Meal	Poultry By Product Meal
	2nd ingredient	Pork Protein Concentrate	Pork Protein Concentrate	Corn Gluten Meal	Corn Gluten Meal	Chicken By Product Meal	Corn Gluten Meal	Soy Protein Isolate
	3rd ingredient	Poultry Fat	Poultry Fat	Chicken By Product Meal	Pork Fat	Corn Gluten Meal	Soy Protein Isolate	Corn Gluten Meal
	4th ingredient	Natural Chicken Flavor	Potato Starch	Powdered Cellulose	Pork Protein Isolate	Powdered Cellulose	Corn	Soy Flour
	5th ingredient	Herring Meal	Tomato Pomace (source of fiber)	Chicken	Powdered Cellulose	Chicken Liver Flavor	Barley	Animal Fat
	6th ingredient	Cellulose (source of fiber)	Herring Meal	Chicken Liver Flavor	Brewers Rice	Soybean Oil	Chicken Fat	Cornstarch
	7th ingredient	Fish Oil	Natural Chicken Flavor	Soybean Oil	Corn	Lactic Acid	Natural Flavors	Animal Liver Flavor
Analysis	Fruit/Veggies/Grasses	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
	Protein % min	55	50	38.7	51.1	38.6	44	51
	Fat % min	24	22	9.5	21.8	9.3	11	15
	Crude Fiber % max	4	4	8	6	7.7	5.6	3
	Total Dietary Fiber %	9	9	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
	Ash % max	6.6	6.2	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
	Moisture % max	10	10	0	0	0	8	12
	Carbohydrate %	0%-Trace Grain-Free	4.63% Lab Analysis Grain-Free	36.8% *NFE Company Supplied	15.1% *NFE Company Supplied	37.2% *NFE Company Supplied	23.1% *NFE Company Supplied	18% *NFE Company Supplied
	Portion Control Suggestion	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES

\* NFE Company Supplied = pet food company has supplied the carbohydrate level of their diet.

\* NFE Calculated=pet food Company Supplied Guaranteed Analysis for Protein, Fat, Fiber, Moisture and Ash which can then be added together and subtracted from 100 to calculate the estimated carbohydrate contents of the food or NFE.

\* NFE Estimate = Companies have supplied the percent of protein, fat, fiber and moisture in the diet but did not supply the Ash Content. We have estimated the Carbohydrate content of these diets by assuming an ash content of 7%. Typical ash content for almost all cat foods is usually between 6-10%.

All information was taken from Individual company websites between Sept 8th- Sept 22, 2011. We will update this information when any company supplies us with newly published data.