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September 2021 Newsletter

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Happy September darlings! While September is most loved for bringing in the autumn season, did you know that it's also Friendship Month? Friendship Month is the perfect month to show your pet how special they are to you. This doesn't just apply to dog and cat owners, either! After all, fish are the third most popular [pet](#) in the U.S. If you're one of the many fish owners out there, why not show them love, by making sure they are eating the most nutritious and delicious fish food.

There are many companies that sell fish food, most of them having convincing slogans and branding. That does not guarantee, however, that you will get the best quality from them. When trying to look for the best fish food to buy, it's important to have a comprehensive list of nutritional components to check the labels for.

Since Ingredients are the key point of interest, Below is a list of some of the key ingredients you should look for.

- Earthworms
- Krill - shrimp-like crustaceans
- Black worms
- Spirulina - blue-green algae rich in protein, minerals, and vitamins.
- Squid meal
- Algae meal

When looking for fish food, these are some things you should also consider.

Price - The price should be pocket-friendly because you don't want to spend a lot just because of the brand. Different brands have different prices but the product is just the same with similar ingredients.

Palatability - You should buy food that is easy for fish to eat.

Ease of use - Fish food should not always make a mess of the water. It should be easy to handle. Also the time it takes you to prepare should not be long.

Top 3 Fish Food Brands



If you don't want to go through all the hustle looking for the best fish food. You can purchase from any of the recommended brands below.

1. Tetra- offers a huge range of fish food including:

Tetra Mini tropical flakes - has major ingredients such as shrimp meals, Ground brown rice, fish meal, and wheat gluten.

Tetra Fin - These are suitable for goldfish although they can also be used by many other species.

2. Hikari- a leader in the fish food space, favorites include:

Hikari bio-pure freeze-dried blood worms - This is an excellent component that can also be used as a daily treat because of its multivitamin component.

Hikari micro wafers - suitable for all species. They are specially designed to slowly sink in water.

3. Omega One- one of only two companies in Alaska licensed to harvest fresh kelp along the southeast Alaskan shoreline, products include:

Omega One Veggie rounds- made for salt or freshwater herbivores. Created with spirulina and fresh kelp.



Tip: Make sure not to overfeed the fish since the residuals when left in water may be harmful. It may produce toxic ammonia as it decomposes. The decomposition process also uses oxygen within the water.

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THIS MONTH'S
TOP STORIES

Feeding Your Dog Salmon, Everything You Need to Know

Do you have a dog (or in my case, a furry, dog-shaped child)? If you answered yes, then you know about ‘the look’. ‘The look’ is a secretive doggy manipulation tactic. This tactic is usually utilized during any occasion involving food. They turn on the irresistible, oh-so-familiar, emotive puppy eyes - gazing into your soul with near surgical precision from across the room. You know the one. It’s the guilt trip of all guilt trips.

Unfortunately, many [foods](#) that we, humans, eat, are not very healthy for Ol’ Fido. A good option for keeping your fur friend satisfied is by offering up delicious salmon at treat-time - or anytime he decides to make use of his most valuable weapon. There are some rules to abide by, but fortunately for you, we have done the research - keep reading to find out everything you need to know about feeding your dog salmon.



Is Salmon Good for Dogs? You Betcha:

Salmon is [healthy](#) - and - it tastes good, how often does that happen, amiright? If it’s good enough for grizzlies in the wild, it’s good enough for your pampered city-pup. In all seriousness, salmon is paw-sitively loaded with good nutritious stuff - omega 3s, protein, vitamins, minerals - so yes, salmon is great for dogs, but don’t overdo it.

But Not ALL Salmon is Good for Your Dog:



While salmon is a safe, nutrient-packed [treat](#), it does need to be fully cooked, as [raw](#) salmon can contain certain parasites that can be detrimental to your poochs’ health. You should also avoid feeding smoked salmon as it is typically cured, full of salt, and sometimes undercooked - and be wary of dishes with other ingredients added such as garlic and onions (both a big no-no for dogs, plus the breath thing).

Moderation Is Key:

As with the majority of things in this life, moderation is key when feeding your dog salmon, or anything really. Only in small amounts, and to be on the safe side, keep it to once a week. The skin of the salmon is okay for your furbaby, too, but not too much because it tends to be fatty.

So, there you have it. Salmon can be a beneficial addition to the diet of your precious pup, but only as a special treat. It should not be fed to your dog on a regular basis. The next time you reach for those preservative-filled (and who knows what else) prepackaged treat, reconsider and give him a bite of salmon instead. Trust me, he will love you all the more for it (and you can feel good about feeding it to him)!

Trend Alert: Dog Cloning

Do you have a beloved dog in your household? Sadly, your favorite pet won't live forever. Some people who can't bear to let go, have opted for dog cloning. A cloned dog is a genetic twin to a donor dog but was born at a later date. Cloning doesn't change the gene of your original dog. This makes the cloned dog have several key attributes of your initial dog.

Is dog cloning real?

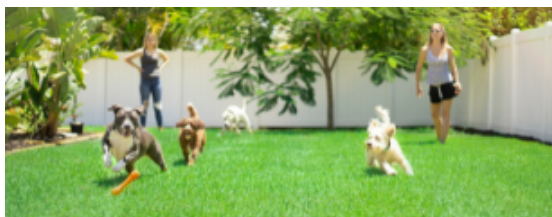
Dog cloning is a real and scientifically proven procedure. Several tests have been carried out and it is now possible to clone your favorite pet. First, you need to collect a DNA sample from your dog. You can ask your veterinarian to do it for you. The sample is then taken to a dog cloning company and cultured with cells containing a similar genetic make-up. The cells are then frozen waiting for you to initiate the cloning process.



How much does it cost to clone a dog?

The price of cloning a dog costs upwards of \$50,000 regardless of the breed of dog that you want to clone. It's important to keep in mind that having the same genetic makeup does not guarantee the cloned dog will behave the same. While you may recognize similar tendencies, the dog's environment has a much bigger impact on how it behaves and grows up.

What are your thoughts on dog cloning?



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