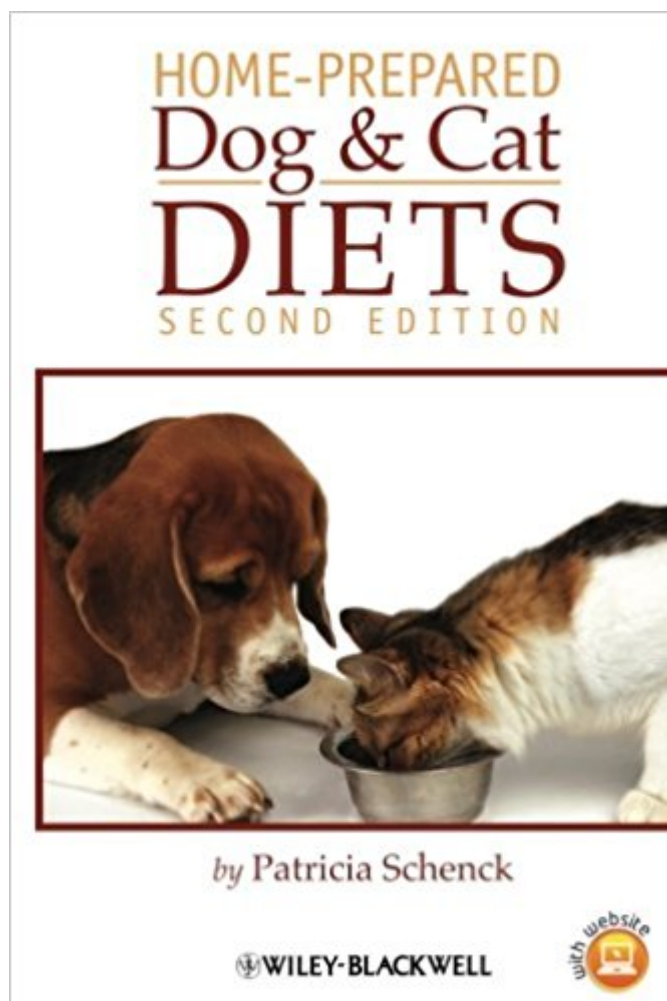


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Home-Prepared Dog And Cat Diets, Second Edition



Synopsis

Home-Prepared Dog and Cat Diets, Second Edition provides an introduction to nutrition of the healthy dog and cat and an extensive discussion of medical disorders that can be managed in part through diet. Presenting easy-to-follow recipes that can be prepared at home, this new edition of Donald Strombeck's classic handbook has been completely rewritten by new author Patricia A. Schenck to reflect the latest nutritional recommendations based on current research. New chapter topics include feeding the puppy and kitten; feeding the pregnant or lactating dog or cat; feeding the senior pet; feeding the performance dog; and the role of diet in pets with cancer. Diets are now listed together in a cookbook style for ease of use, and recipes are adjustable for any size dog or cat, allowing exact nutritional values to be calculated. Nutrient content for protein, fat, carbohydrate, and fiber have been provided for every diet, along with the nutrient density. A companion website features downloadable spreadsheets with complete nutritional breakdowns for each recipe. Useful for both veterinarians and pet owners alike, Home-Prepared Dog and Cat Diets, Second Edition is a unique handbook written by an expert in the field providing an introduction to the nutritional management of dogs and cats with easy-to-use recipes for home-prepared diets.

Clarification: Calcium Carbonate We've had some questions from readers regarding the use of the term "calcium carbonate," which is listed as an ingredient in a number of the diets found in this book, and therefore wanted to clarify what is meant by this ingredient. Baking soda comes in two forms: sodium bicarbonate and calcium carbonate. The sodium bicarbonate version is widely available as "baking soda" and is commonly used in baking, but none of the recipes in this book use it as an ingredient. The calcium carbonate version of baking soda is sometimes sold as "baking soda substitute" and sometimes referred to as simply "baking soda." To avoid confusing sodium bicarbonate and calcium carbonate, any time the calcium carbonate type of baking soda has been used in a diet in this book, the ingredient includes the specific term "calcium carbonate." There are several manufacturers of calcium carbonate baking soda; for example, carries the Ener-G Foods product baking soda substitute. Calcium carbonate can also be sold for garden use, which is non-food-grade, so to avoid the use of the garden product in foods, the term "baking soda" was used in this book instead to indicate that readers should be sure to select a food-appropriate ingredient.

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There have been some comments regarding the use of calcium carbonate in diets. Baking soda actually comes in several forms. One is sodium bicarbonate; the other is calcium carbonate. Sometimes the calcium carbonate version of baking soda is sold as baking soda substitute; other times it is referred to as just 'baking soda.' To avoid the confusion with the sodium bicarbonate type, any time the calcium carbonate type of baking soda has been used in a diet, it is specifically mentioned as such in the diet, as 'baking soda (calcium carbonate).' There are several

manufacturers of calcium carbonate baking soda. carries the Ener-G Foods product baking soda substitute. Calcium carbonate can also be sold for garden use (which is non-food-grade); to avoid the use of the garden product in foods, 'baking soda' was used instead to indicate a food-appropriate ingredient. The preparation of this book was truly a labor of love, and the book will continue to evolve with more diets in future editions! Patricia A. Schenck, DVM, PhD

My dog has a number of issues -- he is a senior dog with allergies and kidney concerns. His vet and I searched long and hard to find a diet that would work for him. The off-the shelf products either wouldn't work because of his allergies or were made by companies whose product I would not feed my dog or whose ingredients read like a pharmaceutical catalog. Through this book I have been able to find not only one, but several diets that work for him depending on what is in season or is most readily available. The ingredients in all of the recipes I've perused are generally easy to find. Most can be purchased through any grocery store. The supplements can be found at any vitamin or nutritional store. Unlike the original issues of this book, the measurements are all given in standard weights and volumes. The book offers diets for a wide variety of medical conditions including for dogs or cats with cancer. It also has age specific diets -- puppyhood, adulthood and seniors. The author explains in length the nutritional requirements of dogs in different developmental stages and discusses how the diets address those needs. Finally, the book offers an addendum that provides the detailed nutritional breakdown of each recipe, this, in addition to the diet specific summaries that follow each recipe. Each diet also comes with a list of ages and conditions for which the diet is appropriate. I love the added piece of mind that comes from knowing that my dog's diet satisfies his nutritional requirements, but is also safe since I know everything that is in the food. On a side note: Don't be misled or put-off by the comments on baking soda -- just buy calcium carbonate (CaCO_3) as the book specifies, rather than Sodium Bicarbonate (NaHCO_3), the latter of which is your typical grocery store variety. Calcium Carbonate can be found at the aforementioned health and vitamin stores.

I bought this on Kindle only to find that the Kindle version did not include the recipes. It is VERY difficult to get a refund on Kindle. I bought the hard copy and I have to say I am disappointed in the recipes. They are all virtually the same except varying the protein, i.e. chicken with rice, lamb with rice, etc. There is better information available for free on the Internet.

I am sorry that I bought it. Not because it is not informative, but it was not what I thought it would

be. I wanted some lists of homemade diets and some how-to things to do and appliances to buy....even some vitamins to use. It was just not what I needed.

Cat owners wondering if this book is worth purchasing (as I was, before ordering it here): it is worth getting. This book is written in informational chapters (so, if for instance, your pet is not elderly you can easily skip that chapter). All chapters in this book begin with dog information. Cats are written about second. Most of the topics in the book cover cats (though, not all do). Not all topics about cats are covered as in depth as dogs but most are. Finally, there are more dog recipes than cat recipes in this book (about a third as many more). Having said that, there is a fair amount of recipes to feed cats dealing with different health issues. What Schenck does state about cats is helpful. If you are wishing to learn about what biophysical needs the feline has that regular feeding must meet for a healthy balanced diet, what cats having different physical ailments need or require of diets, what all of those recipes are, and how to prepare your cat (or dog's) food - this is the book for you. She gets into the biological, chemical, and age/health, life stage, etc. specific details and you may choose to read that in depth or not. She is a bit repetitive in the book (e.g. you read repeatedly, as a cat owner, that cats uniquely (compared to dogs) require the amino acid taurine throughout the book, but this is understandable as not all cat owners will read every topic in the book that pertains to cats and this information is critical to feeding your cat a healthy diet). If you don't mind reading about cats, as a species, in relation to dogs (e.g. "...as with dogs, cats..." or "...being smaller, cats..." and so on) and don't mind there being less cat information than there is about dogs - I recommend you get this book.

I am following Schenck's recipes for feeding my two small (10 lbs) dogs. One of my dogs has always been a picky eater but since I began using home cooking she eats every bit on her plate without fail. I do follow the instructions carefully (and they are specific!) regarding supplements. For those interested in the diet details, the publisher has a website which gives every kind of protein etc in each specific recipe.

Natural diets for dog and cats when processed foods don't work.

My dog has unusual food allergies and can't eat regular prescription diet foods. The vets and I tried everything, and we were down to a homemade diet. This is the book my vet uses. I am a vet tech, and this is better than books we had in school. It not only has the nutritional reference information

and formulas in the beginning, but recipes as well. My problem was that a lot of the recipes all had the same few base ingredients for the carb part, and I only found a couple out of a big selection that he could have, so I will have to try to use them as guides and supplement other items. Just wish the recipes had more variety.

This is a great manual which was recommended to me by my Vet. The 1st Edition is a text used at Texas A & M Vet school. For anyone wanting a better way and nutritionally sound means to feed their pets, this is it! Deb Plano Tx.

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