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Cat Food appropriate for Diabetic Cats

A low-carbohydrate, high-protein diet that is similar to a cat's natural diet (ie. Mice) is essential for managing the sugar/glucose levels in your diabetic cat. Approximately 60% of diabetic cats will recover when fed the correct food. This means that the insulin may not be required at all or may be discontinued after a few months. Those cats who continue to require insulin are better regulated, act normally and need a lower dosage than cats who are eating food high in carbohydrates (such as kibble/dry cat food).

Only canned cat food that has less than 10% of metabolizable energy from carbohydrates is recommended for diabetic cats. Attached is a list of foods that meet these criteria. Foods that are not listed are either not appropriate or information isn't available.

This information is not available on the product labels, and very few web sites, have it. In most cases you must contact the manufacturer. We endeavor to keep our list of appropriate foods as up-to-date as possible; however, from time to time the formulas are changed. To obtain up-to-date information, you can go to the web site:
<http://www.sugarcats.net/sites/impeerson/canfood.html>

If your cat prefers to snack or 'graze' all day, you can leave the canned food out by adding some water to the food and mixing it into a 'cat food soup.' This will prevent the food from drying up and will provide your cat with extra fluid.

Foods to absolutely avoid due to their high carbohydrate content (grains and, in some cases, sugar);

- Any dry cat food (or dry dog food)
- Any canned food that is chunks or slices in sauce or gravy
- Dry or soft treats eg. Pounce
- Semi-moist food eg. Tender Vittles
- Food in pouches (except the Nutro flavors mentioned on the list)

Foods available from

Veterinarians

- Eukanuba Max Calorie
- Purina DM

Premium food available From select pet supply Stores (ask for a list)

Eagle Pack

- Chicken & Lamb
- Ocean Fish & Tuna
- Turkey & Barley

Felidae

- Chicken, Turkey, Lamb & Fish

- Chicken & Rice

Natural Choice

- Chicken & Liver (Pouch)
- Turkey & Giblets (Pouch)
- Salmon & Ocean Fish (Pouch)
- Ocean Fish & Tuna (Pouch)
- Chicken & Liver – Kitten (Pouch)
- Chicken & Turkey-Senior (Pouch)

Newman's Own

- Chicken & brown rice
- Chicken & Salmon
- Turkey

Nutro

- Max Cat Chicken & Lamb
- Max Kitten Chicken & Ocean Fish
- Gourmet California Chicken Supreme
- Gourmet Lamb & Turkey Cutlets
- Max Kitten Chicken & Liver

- Max Kitten Turkey & Giblets (Pouch)

- Max Kitten Chicken & Liver (Pouch)

Wellness

- All flavours (canned food only)

Food Available from grocery stores, department stores and pet supply stores

Fancy Feast

- Beef & Chicken Feast
- Chopped Grill Feast
- Chunky Chicken Feast
- Chunky Chicken/Plate
- Cod, Sole & Shrimp Feast
- Flaked Chicken & Tuna Feast
- Gourmet Chicken Feast
- Ocean Whitefish & Tuna
- Ocean Whitefish/ Plate
- Salmon & Tuna/ Plate
- Savory Salmon
- Seafood Feast
- Tender Beef
- Tender Liver & Chicken
- Turkey & Giblets
- Turkey & Giblets/ Plate
- Turkey Feast

Shelba

- Tender Beef
- Gourmet Salmon

Friskies

- Beef & Liver Dinner
- Chefs Dinner
- Chicken Dinner
- Salmon Dinner
- Seafood Supreme
- Flaked w/ Tuna

- Liver & Chicken
- Mariner's Catch
- Mixed Grill
- Ocean Whitefish & Tuna
- Prime Entrée
- Salmon Dinner
- Sea Captian's Choice Tender cuts of Chicken & Salmon
- Tender Cuts Ocean Whitefish
- Tender Cuts Turkey & Liver
- Turkey & Giblets Dinner

Iams

- Iams Kitten
- Turkey & Giblets
- Chicken & Rice Active Maturity
- Fish & Rice Active Maturity

Whiskas

- Chicken & Tuna Dinner
- Chicken Dinner
- Ground w/Liver & Beef
- Ground w/Turkey & Giblets
- Ground w/Veal Seafood
- Meat (not chunks of meat w/gravy)
- Kitten

Food available from grocery stores (not to make up more than 30% of the diet.)

- Meat & Poultry-cooked or raw
- Hearts-cooked or raw
- Liver-cooked or raw
- Babyfood-meat flavors