

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR TREATS

Where does the meat come from in your treats? Is it organic?

We use the same brands of domestic poultry carried by Whole Foods Markets. The chicken is Bell & Evans; the duck is Culver; the beef is imported from BSE-free countries such as New Zealand, Argentina, and Australia; the lamb and goat are imported from New Zealand; the ostrich, rabbit, and alligator--which is legally wild caught--are sourced in the US. The meats are not certified organic, but are from animals that are free-range, humanely raised and killed, non-medicated (no growth hormones or antibiotics), and USDA inspected. All except the lungs and trachea are graded for human consumption.

I thought alligators were endangered. Isn't it illegal to kill them?

Alligators are no longer endangered, but are still protected. State/Federal wildlife management programs regulate the harvest of wild alligators and allow a small number to be taken every year in order to keep the population in check. For more information, please visit this website: <http://www.fl-seafood.com/species/alligator.htm>

Why does my bag of Gator Bites smell bad?

The combination of the "fishy" nature of the alligators and the lack of use of preservatives results in a pretty pungent smelling treat, but don't worry—your pets will love it!

Isn't too much liver bad for our pets?

Liver is very rich, and too much of it given at one time can cause loose stools. Since our dehydrated Goat Liver Snackers are sold as a treat, they are meant to be used sparingly and should not cause any problems for your pets.

What else is added to these treats?

The treats are simply dehydrated meats, fruits or vegetables. Nothing else. **We don't add** any preservatives or artificial ingredients.

I am looking for training treats. Are yours good for this use?

Due to their dry, crunchy nature, our treats can take some time to chew/swallow. Their consistency may not be the perfect choice for training, depending on your methods and your dog.

I have a small dog, and your treats come in big pieces.

We strive to produce nice big pieces for those large sized dogs out there, but all of our treats are crispy and very easily broken into any size piece you desire to use. We also offer several of the treats in a smaller size package filled with smaller pieces.

My cat loves the dog treats, and my dog loves the cat treats! Is that bad?

It's perfectly fine! There is nothing harmful in any of our treats. The only differences between the dog and cat treats are the size of the container and the size of the pieces.

My pet is overweight and I need a treat that doesn't have too many calories.

Most of our treats are quite low in fat, which is great for those who must watch their waists! Of course some restraint is in order when giving your pet treats, as too much of a good thing can be detrimental to a weight loss goal.

My pet has a health condition requiring low protein food.

Most of our treats are meat-based and therefore fairly high in protein, but if used in moderation, they may be ok as a treat item for your pet. Of course if there is any doubt please check with your veterinarian first. Also we do have some vegetarian offerings.

My pet loves these treats, can I just feed those instead of the food?

No. The treats are not nutritionally balanced and are not meant to be used in place of a regular, complete diet.

I have heard that apple seeds are bad for my dog. Why do I sometimes see apple seeds in your Apple Snackers?

Dogs cannot digest apple seeds and they are eliminated from the body unchanged. Apple seeds have a very tough outer coating which makes them impervious to the digestive juices. This allows them to pass through the animal's body in the feces and perhaps germinate into an apple tree. In order for the seeds to release their cyanide compound into the body, they would have to be ground up. The seeds in the treats are mostly intact; none are pulverized. There is no reason to worry when treating with our Apple Snackers.

I caught my children eating the apple, sweet potato, or chicken breast treats, will they get sick?

No. (Unless maybe they eat too many!) Our treats are very similar to some that are on the market for humans, except ours don't have any extra salt, sugar, color enhancers or preservatives so they are probably healthier for your children than "people treats."

The Chicken Feet and Duck Feet look scary! Is it really ok for my dog to eat them?

Yes, although their looks are a bit off-putting to us humans, pets of all sizes love these treats and crunch them up with glee.