

The Guaranteed Analysis for dog/cat food labels should be listed in the following order and format:

Guaranteed Analysis:

Crude Protein, minimum	.....	%
Crude Fat ¹ , minimum	.....	%
Crude Fiber, maximum	.....	%
Moisture, maximum	.....	%

Additional guarantees, if included, should follow moisture:

Ash, maximum	.....	%
Dietary Starch ² , maximum	.....	%
Sugars ² , maximum	.....	%

A dog/cat food should list other required or voluntary guarantees in the same order and units of the nutrient(s) as they appear in the AAFCO Dog/Cat Nutrient Profiles.

Amino Acids ³ , minimum	.....	%
Linoleic acid, minimum	.....	%
Alpha-Linolenic acid, minimum	.....	%
Arachidonic acid, minimum	.....	%
Eicosapentaenoic acid, minimum	.....	%
Docosahexaenoic acid, minimum	.....	%
Calcium, minimum	.....	%
Calcium, maximum	.....	%
Phosphorus, minimum	.....	%
Potassium, minimum	.....	%
Sodium, minimum	.....	%
Sodium, maximum	.....	%
Chloride, minimum	.....	%
Magnesium, minimum	.....	%
Magnesium, maximum	.....	%
Iron, minimum	.....	mg/kg
Copper, minimum	.....	mg/kg
Manganese, minimum	.....	mg/kg
Zinc, minimum	.....	mg/kg
Iodine, minimum	.....	mg/kg
Selenium, minimum	.....	mg/kg
Vitamin A, minimum	.....	IU/kg
Vitamin D, minimum	.....	IU/kg
Vitamin E, minimum	.....	IU/kg
Vitamin K ⁴ , minimum	.....	mg/kg
Thiamine, minimum	.....	mg/kg
Riboflavin, minimum	.....	mg/kg
Pantothenic acid, minimum	.....	mg/kg
Niacin, minimum	.....	mg/kg
Pyridoxine, minimum	.....	mg/kg
Folic Acid, minimum	.....	mg/kg
Biotin ⁴ , minimum	.....	mg/kg
Vitamin B ₁₂ , minimum	.....	mg/kg
Choline, minimum	.....	mg/kg
Taurine ⁴ , minimum	.....	%

All other voluntary guarantees should appear last and with an asterisk “*” that leads the consumer to the statement: “*Not recognized as an essential nutrient by the AAFCO Dog (or Cat) Food Nutrient Profile.”

(microorganisms) ⁵ , minimum	.....	CFU/kg
(enzymes) ⁶ , minimum	.....	(activity/unit)

¹ Products making lean or low fat claims must also include an appropriate maximum fat guarantee after the minimum fat guarantee.

² Products making less or reduced carbohydrate, dietary starch or sugars claims must include these guarantees.

³ Specific amino acid guarantees in the order outlined by the AAFCO Model Regulations.

⁴ For cat foods only.

⁵ The unit should correspond to the predominant unit listed in the feeding directions.

⁶ Enzyme units are enzyme and assay specific.