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1.) Why is DL-Methionine a good ingredient for cat food?

Methionine, at a high enough level, promotes urinary health in cats by raising the acidity of the urine. This helps them break down urine crystals and in turn reduces inflammation of the urinary tract, helping to prevent urinary tract infections. We use DL-Methionine to supplement the natural Methionine found in meat proteins up to 1% in our dry and canned formulas for cats which is what makes them "Uristic"!

2.) Why does Grandma Mae's Country Naturals have higher levels of taurine than other cat foods?

Taurine is an essential amino acid for cats, but they cannot produce it themselves; more is better because it helps prevent problems with a cat's eyes, heart, and digestive tract.

3.) How are blueberries and cranberries beneficial?

Blueberries are an excellent source of Vitamins A & C, potassium, and fiber. Cranberries contain antioxidants that fight toxins and are also a natural acidifier that contribute to urinary tract health and the prevention of struvite crystals in the bladder and urethra.

4.) Why is beet pulp (an insoluble fiber) a good ingredient for puppy food?

Beet pulp acts as a prebiotic, promotes digestive and colon health, and helps slow digestion, thus allowing the body to absorb more nutrients and stabilize blood sugar, which promotes optimal growth.

5.) Why is green tea extract a good ingredient for low-fat dog food?

Green Tea Extract contains beneficial antioxidants, which help in controlling free radicals, and can help boost immunity.

6.) Why is inulin a good ingredient in low-fat dog food?

Inulin is a prebiotic – it is low in calories and stimulates the growth and activity of probiotics, which are associated with health and well-being.

7.) Are pork & pork meal good for dogs?

The lean pork and pork meal used in high-quality dog foods like Grandma Mae's Country Naturals is great for dogs. They provide excellent high-quality protein and great taste, and it is less likely that a dog would have developed an allergy to it as he might have to chicken, beef or alternative proteins such as lamb or fish. Table scraps, such as a fatty piece of bacon, are the kind of pork we would not recommend.

8.) Is Millet a good ingredient in dog food?

Yes, it is rich in B vitamins, iron and potassium. It is also low in calories yet rich in protein. Millet is soothing and often recommended for dogs with colitis.

9.) Are oils such as Canola Oil, Sunflower Oil, Flaxseed Oil, and Fish Oil good ingredients?

Yes, these oils are excellent sources of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids. There are no harmful effects from including Canola, Sunflower, Flaxseed and Fish Oils in dog food. Our canola oil is also fairly unique in that it is non-GMO just like all the other oils and ingredients found in our Non-GMO formulas.

10.) Are Peas, Lentils and Chickpeas good ingredients? Why does Grandma Mae's Country Naturals have all three?

These "legumes" are excellent sources of energy and protein that have a low glycemic index and do not cause blood glucose (sugar) levels to spike right after ingestion. The reason to have more than one is that a dog's system is likely to digest a variety of these legumes more efficiently than it would if there were only one or two of them.

11.) Are Watercress, Spinach and Parsley good ingredients?

Spinach and Watercress provide antioxidants and health-protecting phytochemicals, vitamins and minerals. They are high in Vitamin A and antioxidants providing protection against free radicals (cancer causing agents). Fresh parsley is an herb associated with reducing urinary tract inflammation, while aiding in digestion and improving kidney function.

12.) Is Alfalfa a good ingredient?

Alfalfa is a legume, not a grain, and is high in protein, calcium, potassium and other trace minerals. The alfalfa used in Grandma Mae's formulas is high quality and non-GMO.

