

BorkBites



Guaranteed Analysis Cheat Sheet

Sniffing out the numbers on your dog's food label

What It Is

The Guaranteed Analysis (GA) is basically your dog food's nutrition label. It shows minimums (like protein & fat) and maximums (like fiber & moisture).

Use it to spot red flags - NOT to judge ingredient quality.

Key Nutrients

| Nutrient | What It Means | Watch Out For |
|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Crude Protein | Minimum % of protein in the food | Low % or vague sources |
| Crude Fat | Minimum % of fat | Very high fat in inactive dogs |
| Crude Fiber | Maximum % of fiber | High = possible filler overload |
| Moisture | Maximum % of water content | Use dry matter to compare accurately |

Bonus Math: Dry Matter Basis

Want to compare kibble to wet food fairly? Use this:

$\text{Nutrient} \div (100 - \text{Moisture}) \times 100 = \text{Dry Matter \%}$

What the GA Doesn't Tell You

- Where the protein/fat comes from
- Ingredient quality
- Carbohydrate levels
- Presence of fillers or additives

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Use GA to screen for issues - but let the ingredients do the real talking.