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## WDJ'S APPROVED WET FOODS OF 2011

Products highlighted in yellow are new to our list.

**PET-TAO** — Fairview, TN; (615) 934-3832; pettao.com

**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** — 6 varieties, including 3 "prescription" foods.

**MADE BY** Evanger's Dog & Cat Food Co., Wheeling, IL.

**REPRESENTATIVE VARIETY** — Canine Balanced Diet contains: Beef, turkey, chicken gizzards, white potato, beef heart, tofu, beef liver, carrots, celery, beef kidney . . . 11% protein; 4% fat; 6% fiber; 76% moisture.

**MISC INFO** — Formulated by veterinarians with experience in Eastern medicine. "With all Pet-Tao diets, every ingredient is chosen for a specific reason, according to the principles of Eastern Food Therapy. Because of the combination of equal amounts of warming, cooling, and neutral ingredients, this diet is energetically balanced for all dogs." Two products are formulated for seasons (1 for summer, 1 for winter). Three (Blood Diet, Qi Diet, and Yin Diet) are available with a veterinary prescription only. Products available direct from the company and from select veterinary practices.

**SOLID GOLD HEALTH PRODUCTS FOR PETS, INC.** — El Cajon, CA; (800) 364-4863; solidgoldhealth.com

**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** — 4 varieties.

**MADE BY** Simmons Pet Food, Pennsauken, NJ.

**REPRESENTATIVE VARIETY** — Hund-N-Flocken contains: Lamb, water, lamb liver, brown rice, carrots, barley, guar gum, potassium chloride, dicalcium phosphate, oatmeal . . . 8% protein; 5% fat; 1.5% fiber; 78% moisture.

**MISC INFO** — One variety ("Green Cow") is made with green beef tripe; dogs love it! That variety is for adult maintenance only. Products available in independent pet supply stores and Petco.

**THREE DOG BAKERY** — Kansas City, MO; (800) 487-3287; threedog.com

**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** — **Gracie's Gourmet Entree** (3 varieties); **Entree for Dogs** (3 varieties).

**MADE BY** Select Brands, Springfield, MO.

**REPRESENTATIVE VARIETY** — Entree for Dogs Chicken, Carrots, Green Beans & Rice variety contains: Chicken, carrots, green beans, cooked rice, flaxseed, corn starch, vitamin/mineral premix. 8% protein; 6% fat; 1% fiber; 79% moisture.

**MISC INFO** — Each of the Gracie's Gourmet products is identical to one of the Entree for Dogs products. These products are pouched, rather than canned. Formerly the company would not disclose its (human food) manufacturing site; we're glad they changed their minds so we could include them here. Available in Three Dog Bakery stores and its website, independent pet supply stores, and select supermarket channels (see the website).

**VERUS PET FOODS** — Abingdon, MD; (888) 828-3787; veruspetfoods.com

**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** — 7 varieties.

**MADE BY** Performance Pet Products, Mitchell, SD.

**REPRESENTATIVE VARIETY** — Chicken & Rice contains: Chicken, chicken broth, chicken liver, brown rice, pearled barley, dried kelp, salt, calcium sulfate, potassium chloride, dicalcium phosphate . . . 8% protein; 5% fat; 2% fiber; 78% moisture.

**MISC INFO** — Company says all lamb used in foods is free-range, grass-fed, New Zealand lamb, and all other ingredients are grown and sourced in the USA. Available in independent pet supply stores and through a few online retailers.

**VET'S CHOICE** — Deer Park, NY; (800) 992-9738; vetschoice.com

**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** — **Holistic Health Extension** (4 varieties, including 3 grain-free, 2 of which are intended for supplemental/intermittent feeding).

**MADE BY** Simmons Pet Food, Emporia, KS.

**REPRESENTATIVE VARIETY** — Lamb Entree contains: Lamb, lamb broth, lamb liver, brown rice, carrots, egg, vitamin/mineral premix. 9% protein; 6% fat; 1% fiber; 78% moisture.

**MISC INFO** — Available in independent pet supply stores (mostly east of the Rockies) and via online retailers.

**WELLPET** — Tewksbury, MA; (800) 225-0904; wellpet.com; wellnesspetfood.com; holisticselect.com; eaglepack.com

**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** — **Eagle Pack** (4 varieties); **Holistic Select** (8 varieties, including 1 puppy variety); **Wellness** (24 varieties, including 2 grain-free "Core" varieties; 9 "Complete Health," including 1 puppy and 1 senior; 3 "Simple Food Solutions"; 6 "Stews"; 5 "95%" foods for supplemental/intermittent feeding)

**MADE BY** American Nutrition Inc., Ogden, UT; Simmons Pet Food, Siloam Springs, AR, Emporia, KS, and Pennsauken, NJ.

**REPRESENTATIVE VARIETY** — Wellness Complete Health Chicken & Sweet Potato contains: Chicken, chicken broth, chicken liver, whitefish, ground barley, sweet potatoes, carrots, ground flaxseed, carrageenan, canola oil . . . 8% protein; 5% fat; 1% fiber; 78% moisture.

**MISC INFO** — WellPet bought Eagle Pack (based in Mishawaka, Indiana) a few years ago and now operates the old Eagle Pack dry food plant there. The company has continued to support the Eagle Pack and Holistic Select lines. Between these products and WellPet's ever-expanding Wellness line, they have something good for any dog. Available in pet specialty stores (such as Petco and PetSmart) and independent pet supply stores.