



What's In Your Companion's "Premium" Food?

By-Products—Often include tissue from dead, diseased, and disabled animals; hooves, hair, hide, beaks, feet, feathers, tumors, urine and fecal matter.

BHT/BHA—Can cause allergic reactions, fetal abnormalities and abnormal behavior in offspring; affects kidney and liver functions. BHT is prohibited in England, Sweden, and Australia.¹

Ethoxyquin (Santoquin)—This herbicide that has been found to cause liver tumors. This artificial preservative is NOT allowed in human foods.

Artificial Colors—Contain coal-tar derivatives and possible carcinogens; increase sensitivities to fatal viruses and can cause mutations.²

Artificial Flavors—These are the same substances that cause hyperactivity in children.³

Sugar (sucrose, dextrose, corn syrup, etc.)—Interferes with your pet's ability to digest protein, calcium, and other minerals; inhibits growth of beneficial intestinal bacteria; can stimulate the production of fat.⁴

Sodium Nitrate—Produces nitrosamines (powerful cancer-causing agents) known to have caused deaths, and has induced severe arthritic symptoms. It is mutagenic, teratogenic, and toxic. It is also linked to abnormalities of the immune system.⁵

¹ *Consumer's Dictionary of Food Additives*, R. Winter, Crown Publishers, Inc., 1984.

² *Natural Health for Dogs and Cats*, R. Pitcairn, DVM, Rodale Press, 1982.

³ *How to Have a Healthier Dog*, W. Belfield, DVM, Signet Books, 1993.

⁴ *The Very Healthy Cat Book*, W. Belfield, DVM, McGraw-Hill Co., 1983.

⁵ *Keep Your Pet Healthy the Natural Way*, P. Lizarus, Bobs-Merill Co. Inc., 1983