

WDJ'S APPROVED DRY FOODS OF 2012

Products highlighted in yellow are new to our list.

ADDITION FOODS — Kent, WA; (206) 618-9309; addictionfoods.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Addiction (7 varieties, including 5 grain-free and 2 puppy).

MADE BY Addiction Foods NZ Limited, Tepuke, New Zealand (APHIS-registered and certified by New Zealand's Food & Safety Authority). All Addiction dry foods will be made here starting February 2012 and will be labeled "Made in New Zealand." Previously, Addiction's foods were made at Pied Piper Mills, Hamlin, TX.

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Salmon Bleu contains: Salmon meal, potatoes, chicken fat, smoked salmon, dried blueberries, dried cranberries, dried raspberries, calcium carbonate, dicalcium phosphate, potassium chloride . . . 24% protein; 13% fat; 4% fiber; 10% moisture.

MISC INFO – Addiction says it has upgraded its plant in New Zealand to enable it to produce its own dry and dehydrated foods and treats; it no longer uses co-packers in the U.S. All foods supplemented with taurine. Company says it uses no China-sourced ingredients. A Kangaroo variety, utilizing wild kangaroo from Australia, is offered as a novel protein food. Products sold in independent pet supply stores and direct-shipped.

AINSWORTH PET NUTRITION — Meadville, PA; (800) 458-1801; backtobasicspetfood.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Back to Basics (3 varieties).

MADE BY Ainsworth Pet Nutrition's own plant in Meadville, PA (Safe Quality Foods [SQF] 2000 level 2 rating of "Excellent").

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Back to Basics Turkey contains: Turkey giblets (livers and hearts), turkey meal, turkey, chicken meal, tapioca, pea protein, poultry fat, dried whole egg, flaxseed, Menhaden fish oil . . . 38% protein; 18% fat; 3% fiber; 10% moisture.

MISC INFO – Each of the Back to Basics varieties has an organ meat as its first ingredient; each is grain-free, gluten-free, and potato-free. Ainsworth includes some 18 nutrients its Guaranteed Analysis, including ascorbic acid, glucosamine, chondroitin sulfate, L-carnitine, and taurine. Company says every product is held in its warehouse until safety testing results are complete. Products available in independent pet supply stores.

ANNA MAET PETFOODS — Sellersville, PA; (215) 453-0381; annamaet.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Annamaet (8 varieties, including 3 grain-free).

MADE BY Ohio Pet, Lisbon, OH (APHIS-registered, EU-certified).

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Annamaet Encore contains: Chicken meal, brown rice, millet, rolled oats, pearled barley, chicken fat, catfish meal, dried beet pulp, brewers dried yeast, Menhaden oil . . . 25% protein; 14% fat; 4% fiber; 10% moisture.

MISC INFO – A vitamin-mineral premix that is entirely free of Chinese ingredients was recently integrated into all of Annamaet's formulas, and copper levels rigorously controlled. L-carnitine added to all Annamaet's foods to help the dog's body to "burn more fat." Chelated minerals are used, and higher-than-usual levels of B vitamins included. A grain-free "lean" variety is planned for release March 1. Available in a handful of independent pet supply stores and from a few online retailers, including petfooddirect.com.

ARTEMIS PET FOODS — Carson, CA; (800) 282-5876; artemiscompany.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Fresh Mix (8 varieties, including 2 puppy); **Osopure** (1 variety); **Professional**.

MADE BY Diamond Pet Products, Lathrop, CA (APHIS-registered); and Pied Piper Mills, Hamlin, TX (APHIS-registered).

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Fresh Mix Adult contains: Chicken, chicken meal, turkey, barley, brown rice, oatmeal, millet, peas, chicken fat, tomato pomace . . . 23% protein; 14% fat; 3% fiber; 10% moisture.

MISC INFO – In 2012, Artemis plans to launch several grain-free varieties and to move production to Diamond's just-built facility in Ripon, CA. Artemis makes some of its products for export, but its foods are also available in independent pet supply stores.

BENCH & FIELD PET FOODS — Grand Rapids, MI; (800) 525-4802; benchandfield.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Holistic Natural Canine.

MADE BY WellPet in Mishawaka, IN (AIB rated "Superior").

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Holistic Natural Canine contains: Chicken meal, brown rice, white rice, oatmeal, chicken fat, pork meal, dried beet pulp, fish meal, flaxseed, dried egg product . . . 24% protein; 15% fat; 4.9% fiber; 10% moisture.

MISC INFO – Product is available in natural food and fine grocery stores (we originally found this food in Trader Joe's), independent pet supply stores, and by direct shipping to your home.

BLUE BUFFALO COMPANY — Wilton, CT; (800) 919-2833; bluebuff.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Blue Basics (9 varieties with "meat first and limited ingredients"); **Blue Freedom** (4 grain-free varieties, including 1 puppy); **Blue Life Protection** (19 varieties, including 4 puppy varieties, 5 large breed, 7 small breed, 3 weight control, 3 senior; some of these overlap); **Blue Longevity** (3 "lean for life" "life stages" varieties); **Blue Wilderness** (8 high-protein, grain-free varieties).

MADE BY Ainsworth Pet Nutrition, Dumas, AR; ANI/Vita-Line Products, Hazle Township, PA; CJ Foods, Bern, KS (EU-certified, APHIS-registered, certified organic, AIB rated "Superior"); ProPet, St. Mary's, OH; Triple T Foods, Frontenac, KS; Tuffy's Pet Foods, Perham, MN (AIB compliant, certified organic, APHIS-registered, EU-certified).

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Blue Basics Turkey & Potato contains: Deboned turkey, peas, potatoes, brown rice, turkey meal, flaxseed, canola oil, tomato pomace, natural turkey flavor, oatmeal . . . 22% protein; 12% fat; 5% fiber; 10% moisture.

MISC INFO – Deboned chicken, lamb, or fish is the first ingredient in all of Blue Buffalo's dry dog foods, and Blue uses only whole grains. Also, all its foods contain "LifeSource Bits," a separately manufactured, cold-formed kibble that contains a proprietary vitamin/mineral/antioxidant blend. Blue Buffalo products are available in independent pet specialty stores and chains (Petco and PetSmart).

BREEDER'S CHOICE PET FOODS — Irwindale, CA; (800) 255-4286; apdselectchoice.com, avodermnatural.com, goactivedog.com, pinnaclepet.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Active Care** (2 varieties); **Advanced Pet Diets Select Choice** (6 varieties); **AvoDerm Natural** (9 varieties, 2 grain-free); **AvoDerm Natural Oven-Baked** (3 varieties); **Pinnacle Holistic** (6 varieties, 3 grain-free).

MADE BY Breeder's Choice's own plant in Irwindale, CA (APHIS-registered, EU-certified).

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Avoderm Triple Protein contains: Chicken meal, brown rice, lamb meal, turkey meal, white rice, oatmeal, barley, oat flour, chicken fat, rice bran. . . 26% protein; 13% fat; 5% fiber; 10% moisture.

MISC INFO – ActiveCare line contains "natural chicken cartilage with the highest levels of unprocessed chondroitin and glucosamine." Advanced Pet Diets line offers "life stage" diets. AvoDerm line developed for dogs with skin and coat issues; AvoDerm Baked meant for dogs with "sensitive stomachs." Pinnacle is Breeder's Choice "holistic, premium" line. This month, Breeder's Choice launches "AvoDerm Revolving Menu," three foods that are formulated nearly identically except for a different protein at the top of the ingredient list, meant to be fed in rotation "without worry." Products found in independent pet supply stores and national pet specialty stores (such as Petco, Petsmart).

BURNS PET HEALTH — Valparaiso, IN; (877) 983-9651; burnspethealth.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Burns** (3 varieties).

MADE BY By CJ Foods in Pawnee City, NE (AIB rated "Superior," APHIS-registered, EU-certified).

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Burns Holistic Brown Rice & Ocean Fish contains: Whole grain brown rice, ocean fish meal, peas, oats, chicken fat, sunflower oil, seaweed (the rest of the ingredients are vitamins and minerals) . . . 18.5% protein; 7.5% fat; 2.2% fiber; 9% moisture.

MISC INFO – These are very limited-ingredient diets, ideal for dogs with allergies or intolerance. Brown Rice & Chicken variety is offered in normal and "small bites;" other variety is Brown Rice & Ocean Fish. Burns also promotes use of (and sells) a line of herbal supplements to augment benefit of its foods for dogs with health problems. Company offers direct shipping to your home; also sold in independent pet supply stores.

CANIDAE CORP. — San Luis Obispo, CA; (800) 398-1600; canidae.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Canidae** (10 varieties, including 4 grain-free and 1 "single grain, protein plus" variety).

MADE BY Diamond Pet Foods in Gaston, SC (APHIS-registered, EU-certified); Lathrop, CA (APHIS-registered); and Meta, MO (APHIS-registered).

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Canidae Grain-Free pureSEA contains: Salmon meal, potatoes, potato protein, ocean fish meal, canola oil, peas, tomato pomace, natural flavor, choline chloride, alfalfa meal . . . 40% protein; 20% fat; 3% fiber; 10% moisture.

MISC INFO – Two new grain-free varieties were introduced in 2011: Canidae Grain-Free pureLAND with bison and lamb meal; and pureSKY with duck and turkey meal. Canidae is "committed to providing the highest standard of excellence for nutritional benefit, palatability, product safety, and customer satisfaction." Available in independent pet retailers throughout North America and exported to more than 30 countries worldwide.

CANINE CAVIAR PET FOODS — Riverside, CA; (800) 392-7898; caninecaviar.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Canine Caviar** (10 varieties, including 5 grain-free).

MADE BY Chenango Valley Pet Foods, Sherburne, NY (APHIS-registered, certified organic, EU-certified).

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Lamb & Pearl Millet ALS (all life stages) Dinner contains: Dehydrated lamb, pearl millet, lamb fat, yeast culture, alfalfa, calcium proteinate, kelp, fructooligosaccharides (FOS), sodium chloride, lecithin. . . 25% protein; 14% fat; 4.1% fiber; 8% moisture.

MISC INFO – Chicken and lamb varieties use dehydrated meats (no rendered meat meals). Company says no genetically modified ingredients are used in its foods. Products are meant to be used in rotation for "amino acid diversity." Available in independent pet supply stores and online retailers.

CARNA4 INC. — Toronto, Ontario, Canada; (855) 422-7624; carna4.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Carna4 All Life Stages Chicken**.

MADE BY Mountain Country Foods, O'Keene, OK (AIB-compliant, APHIS-registered, EU-certified).

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Carna4 contains: Chicken, chicken liver, eggs, organic sprouted barley seeds, salmon, vegetables (peas, sweet potatoes, carrots, spinach, garlic), amaranth, brown rice, organic sprouted green lentils, potato starch . . . 24% protein; 15% fat; 5% fiber; 10% moisture.

MISC INFO – "Only naturally grown food ingredients are used in Carna4 to exceed the nutrients dogs need for all life stages, without adding vitamin/mineral pre-mixes or other synthetic supplements. Carna4 is a minimally processed food with high nutrient, probiotic, and omega 3 levels previously found only in raw diets – but without risk of pathogens (which are destroyed by baking, though live nutrients are preserved). Carna4 is made from fresh, table-grade chicken (no meat meals), eggs, and salmon, but its nourishing power comes from organic sprouted seeds (flax, barley, and lentils) which provide optimum nourishment not possible with meat alone." Available in independent pet supply stores in Canada, California, and the Midwest.

CASTOR & POLLUX PET WORKS — Clackamas, OR; (800) 875-7518; castorpolluxpet.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Organix** (4 varieties, including 1 grain-free); **Ultramix** (7 varieties, including 2 grain-free).

MADE BY CJ Foods in Bern, KS (AIB rated "Superior," APHIS-registered, certified organic, EU-certified).

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Organix Adult Grain-Free contains: Organic chicken, poultry meal, organic tapioca, organic peas, organic soybean meal, organic potato, dried egg product, salmon meal, poultry fat, organic chicken liver. . . 30% protein; 12% fat; 3.5% fiber; 10% moisture.

MISC INFO – We like the Ultramix foods but choose to feature one of the Organix foods, as organic products are uncommon (and beneficial for certain dogs). Products sold in independent pet supply stores, Petco, Petsmart, and via direct shipping to your home.

CHAMPION PETFOODS — Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; (877) 939-0006; championpetfoods.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Acana Classic (11 varieties, including 3 puppy); Acana Grain-Free (4 varieties); Orijen (6 varieties, all grain-free, including 2 puppy and 1 senior).	MADE BY Champion's own plant in Morinville, Alberta, Canada (APHIS-registered, EU-certified).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Orijen 6 Fish contains: Boneless salmon, salmon meal, herring meal, boneless herring, boneless walleye, russet potato, sweet potato, peas, salmon oil, boneless lake whitefish . . . 38% protein; 18% fat; 3% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – All products are high in protein. Champion “manufactures its biologically appropriate pet foods in its very own kitchens in Morinville, Alberta, Canada from unmatched fresh regional ingredients that are never frozen and are certified by the Canadian Government as ‘fit for human consumption.’ Our ingredients are delivered fresh to us each day by people we know and trust and contain no hormones, are free of antibiotics and are sustainably ranched, raised, or fished.” Products available in independent pet supply stores.	

DARFORD INTERNATIONAL — Vernon, British Columbia, Canada; (250) 545-4430; darford.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Zero/G (2 varieties).	MADE BY American Nutrition, Inc., Ogden, UT (APHIS-registered, Cook & Thurber audit rating of “Superior”).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Zero/G Turkey & Chicken contains: Turkey, chicken, chicken meal, turkey meal, peas, buckwheat, lentils, chickpeas, pea starch, flaxseed . . . 30% protein; 15% fat; 5% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – Zero/G stands for zero grain or zero gluten – either way. (Buckwheat is not a grain and is not related to wheat.) Darford's second formula is “Sardine, Whitefish & Mysis Shrimp.” These are interesting new foods, but what we like best is the company's “Plus One Program.” Buy any Darford packaged food or treat, and it will send a free meal to a dog rescue of your choice in your area – sort of a buy one, feed two program. Check out the details on the company website. Products available in independent pet supply stores and darford.com.	

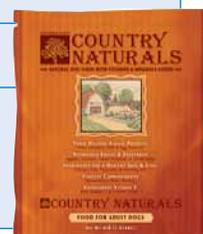


DIAMOND PET PRODUCTS — Meta, MO; (800) 442-0402; diamondpet.com, as well as: chickensoupforthepetloverssoul.com; premiumedgepetfood.com; professionalpetfood.com; tasteofthewildpetfood.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul (7 varieties, including 2 puppy); Premium Edge (8 varieties, including 2 puppy); Professional Pet Food (7 varieties, including 2 puppy); Taste of the Wild (6 varieties, all grain-free, including 2 puppy).	MADE BY Diamond's own manufacturing facilities in Gaston, SC (APHIS-registered, EU-certified); Lathrop, CA (APHIS-registered); and Meta, MO (APHIS-registered).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Taste of the Wild Sierra Mountain Canine contains: Lamb, lamb meal, potatoes, peas, canola oil, pea protein, roasted lamb, natural flavor, salt, choline chloride . . . 25% protein; 15% fat; 4% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – Taste of the Wild line added two puppy formulas with added DHA. Diamond built and is about to put into production a new extrusion (dry food-making) facility in Ripon, CA. Products are sold in independent pet supply stores and some online retailers, including petfooddirect.com.	

DICK VAN PATTEN'S NATURAL BALANCE — Pacoima, CA; (800) 829-4493; naturalbalanceinc.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Limited Ingredient Diets (LID) ; 8 varieties, including 5 grain-free and 1 vegan); Natural Balance Alpha Dog Formulas (3 new grain-free, multiple-protein foods); Natural Balance Organic (1 variety); Natural Balance Ultra Premium (3 varieties).	MADE BY CJ Foods, Bern, KS (AIB rated “Superior,” APHIS-registered, certified organic, EU-certified); and Diamond Pet Foods in Gaston, SC (APHIS-registered, EU-certified); Lathrop, CA (APHIS-registered); and Meta, MO (APHIS-registered).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Natural Balance Organic contains: Organic chicken, organic brown rice, chicken meal, organic oats, organic millet, organic barley, organic sorghum, organic peas, organic potatoes, chicken fat . . . 22% protein; 13% fat; 4.5% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – Company plans to launch more formulas in 2012. Company tests each batch for contaminants and makes the test results available on its website (“Buy With Confidence” program); that's pretty cool. Products available in independent pet supply stores and Petco.	

DOGSWELL, LLC — Los Angeles, CA; (888) 559-8833; dogswell.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Happy Hips (1 variety); Nutrisca (3 grain-free, potato-free varieties); Vitality (1 variety).	MADE BY Tuffy's Pet Foods in Perham, MN (AIB compliant, APHIS-registered, certified organic, EU-certified).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Happy Hips Chicken & Oats contains: Chicken, chicken meal, oats, barley, brown rice, natural flavor, chicken fat, flaxseed, tomato pomace, sweet potatoes . . . 24% protein; 12% fat; 5.5% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – Happy Hips includes chondroitin and glucosamine to maintain joint health. Vitality includes flaxseed and Vitamin A to maintain eyes, skin and coat. Dogswell is now focusing on grain-free, <i>potato-free</i> foods. “When we formulated Nutrisca (3 varieties), we replaced high-glycemic content items like potatoes and tapioca with highly nutritious, low-glycemic peas and chickpeas.” Available in independent pet supply stores and Petco.	

DR. GARY'S BEST BREED — Findlay, OH; (800) 500-5999; bestbreed.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Best Breed (12 varieties, including 4 breed-specific, 1 puppy, 1 senior).	MADE BY Ohio Pet Foods, Lisbon, OH (APHIS-registered, EU-certified).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Best Breed Catfish With Vegetables & Herbs contains: Catfish meal, pearled barley, brown rice, canola oil, oatmeal, tomato pomace, rye seed, flaxseed, natural flavor, lecithin . . . 23% protein; 13% fat; 4% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – Company was founded in 1994 by Gary Cotton, DVM, who developed diets to address problems he saw in certain breeds. Though these breed-specific foods are part of the company's history, more popular are its working and field dog diets, “regular” dog maintenance diets, and limited-ingredient diets (such as the catfish food highlighted above). Available in independent pet supply stores (Great Lakes area) and via direct ship.	

DR. TIM'S PET FOOD COMPANY — Marquette, MI; (906) 249-8486; drtims.com**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** – Dr. Tim's (3 varieties).**MADE BY** Ohio Pet Foods, Lisbon, OH (APHIS-registered, EU-certified).**HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY** – Dr. Tim's Kinesis contains: Chicken meal, brown rice flour, oat flour, pearled barley, chicken fat, dried beet pulp, herring meal, rye, dried whole egg, rice bran . . . 26% protein; 16% fat; 3% fiber; 10% moisture.**MISC INFO** – Company says it uses low-ash chicken meal and low-ash herring meal, chelated minerals, and externally applied probiotics, prebiotics, and natural antioxidants. Momentum variety is for high-performance athletes; Pursuit for dogs with moderate activity; and Kinesis for couch potatoes! Available in independent pet supply stores (Midwest) and by direct ship.**DRS. FOSTER & SMITH** — Rhinelander, WI; (800) 562-7169; drsfostersmith.com**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** – Drs. Foster & Smith Dog Food (5 varieties).**MADE BY** CJ Foods in Bern, KS (AIB rated "Superior"; APHIS-registered, certified organic, EU-certified); and Pawnee City, NE (AIB rated "Superior"; APHIS-registered, EU-certified).**HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY** – Drs. Foster & Smith Lamb & Brown Rice contains: Lamb, lamb meal, whole brown rice, barley, brewers rice, oat groats, fish meal, dried beet pulp, dried egg product, natural flavor . . . 21% protein; 11% fat; 3.5% fiber; 10% moisture.**MISC INFO** – Chicken or lamb is the first ingredient in each of these foods, which are fortified with omega-3 fatty acids and coated with a patented probiotic (Bacillus coagulans GBI-30 6086) to assure proper levels are achieved and maintained post-manufacture. Available via direct-ship only.**EVANGER'S DOG & CAT FOOD COMPANY** — Wheeling, IL; (800) 288-6796; evangersdogfood.com**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** – Evanger's Dog Food (5 varieties, 2 grain-free).**MADE BY** Mid America Pet Foods, Mt. Pleasant, TX (APHIS-registered).**HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY** – Pheasant & Brown Rice contains: Pheasant, duck meal, brown rice, salmon meal, pearled barley, oatmeal, potato, canola oil, turkey liver, dried tomato pomace . . . 24% protein; 14% fat; 3.5% fiber; 10% moisture.**MISC INFO** – Company says it sources all animal proteins and supplies them to its co-packer, to ensure only top-quality ingredients are used. Company considers the three varieties it offers with grains to be "low-grain." Company just launched second grain-free variety, made with three animal proteins (rabbit, beef, pork). Products are available in independent pet supply stores and via direct shipping.**FIRSTMATE PET FOODS** — North Vancouver, BC, Canada; (800) 658-1166; firstmate.com**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** – FirstMate Classic (4 varieties, including 1 puppy); FirstMate Grain-Free (6 varieties, including 1 puppy); Skoki (1 variety).**MADE BY** FirstMate's own plant in Chilliwack, BC, Canada (APHIS-registered, Canadian Food Inspection Agency [CFIA]-registered, EU-certified).**HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY** – FirstMate's Grain-Free Chicken & Blueberries contains: Potato, chicken meal, chicken fat, whole blueberries, (vitamin/mineral ingredients) . . . 25% protein; 14% fat; 4% fiber; 10% moisture.**MISC INFO** – Company's grain-free products use only one protein and one carbohydrate source, to "increase digestibility and reduce the likelihood of food allergies or stomach upset." Pacific Ocean Fish Senior/Weight Management diet is low in protein and fat. Blueberries contribute more than 5% of the highlighted formula above to improve eyesight and memory function and promote immune system and urinary tract health. Skoki is FirstMate's "top quality, competitively priced" food and is available only in a 40lb bag. Products available in Canada and the western U.S. in independent pet supply stores and specialty chains.**FROMM FAMILY FOODS** — Mequon, WI; (800) 325-6331; frommfamily.com**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** – Fromm Four-Star Canine Entrees (7 "all life stages" varieties, including 2 grain-free); Gold Nutritionals (5 varieties, including 2 puppy and 1 senior); Fromm Classics (2 varieties).**MADE BY** Fromm's own plants in Columbus, WI and Mequon, WI (both are APHIS-registered; Columbus facility was only recently built and put into production).**HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY** – Four Star Duck & Sweet Potato contains: Duck, duck meal, pearled barley, sweet potatoes, brown rice, oatmeal, white rice, dried egg, millet, dried tomato pomace . . . 24% protein; 15% fat; 3.5% fiber; 10% moisture.**MISC INFO** – Two more grain-free Four-Star foods planned for release this year. "Fourth-generation family-owned and -operated business steadfastly committed to continuous innovation and production of the finest pet foods. . . . Dedicated to independent retailers since the beginning." Also sold via online retailers and direct shipping.**GRANDMA MAE'S COUNTRY NATURALS** — New York, NY; (888) 653-8021; grandmamaes.com**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** – Grandma Mae's Country Naturals (3 "life stage" varieties, including 1 "allergy avoidance").**MADE BY** Chenango Valley Pet Foods, Sherburne, NY (APHIS-registered, certified organic, EU-certified).**HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY** – Grandma Mae's Country Naturals Adult contains: Chicken, chicken meal, brown rice, oats, barley, rice, Menhaden fish meal, chicken fat, natural chicken flavors, flaxseed . . . 24% protein; 14% fat; 4.5% fiber; 10% moisture.**MISC INFO** – Owned by a co-op of independent pet stores and 52 store owners. "Allergy avoidance" blend, also known as "Farmhouse Blend," contains no chicken, lamb, or beef (its main protein is pork, with whitefish meal in a protein-supportive role) is meant to provide an alternative to foods with those more common proteins. Available in independent pet supply stores only.

HI-TEK RATIONS — Dublin, GA; (800) 284-4835; hitekration.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Hi-Tek Naturals (3 varieties).	MADE BY Hi-Tek’s own plant in Dublin, GA (AIB rated “Excellent”).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Hi-Tek Naturals Chicken Meal & Rice contains: Chicken meal, brown rice, white rice, chicken fat, milo, pork meal, oatmeal, flaxseed, salt, potassium chloride . . . 26% protein; 16% fat; 3% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – Highlighted variety is intended for active dogs; two other varieties contain less animal protein products (and so they have lower protein levels). “Complete and balanced nutrition, highly palatable, affordably priced. Hi-Tek Naturals was created in response to the needs of thousands of serious, loving pet owners who want the best for their dogs at a price that makes sense.” Products available in independent pet supply stores.	

HORIZON PET NUTRITION — Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada; (403) 279-5874; horizonpetfood.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Amicus (3 “life stage” varieties, all grain-free); Horizon Complete (5 “life stages” varieties, including puppy and large breed puppy); Horizon Legacy (2 varieties, puppy and adult); and Horizon Pulsar (2 varieties).	MADE BY Horizon’s own plant in Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada (CFIA-inspected, ISO 22000 Compliant).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Horizon Legacy Adult contains: Chicken, chicken meal, pea, pea starch, turkey meal, chicken fat, salmon meal, pea fiber, flaxseed, egg product . . . 34% protein; 15% fat; 3.5% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – Amicus is meant for mini and small-breed dogs; company uses red lentils as the carb source in this line in order to provide small dogs with a lower glycemic index diet. Each new Pulsar grain-free food utilizes a single animal protein and “pulses” – edible seeds of legume plants that have a low glycemic index and are packed with antioxidants – such as lentils and peas. Products available in independent pet supply stores.	



KENT NUTRITION GROUP — Muscatine, IA; (800) 367-2730; bynaturepetfoods.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – By Nature (8 varieties, including 1 puppy and 1 grain-free) and By Nature Organics (1 variety).	MADE BY Kent Nutrition Group’s own plant in Arcade, NY (SQF 2000 Certified); By Nature Organics variety made at Chenango Valley Pet Foods, Sherburne, NY (APHIS-registered, certified organic, EU-certified).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – By Nature Pork & Sweet Potato contains: Pork meal, ground barley, canola oil, sweet potatoes, flaxseed meal, oatmeal, tomato pomace, natural flavors, alfalfa meal, yeast culture . . . 24% protein; 14% fat; 4% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – “All the research we do for our foods is done with dogs and cats in homes or shelters.” Company includes 8-10 extra nutrients on its Guaranteed Analysis; cool. By Nature products are available in independent pet specialty stores and chains (Petco and PetSmart).	

LINCOLN BIOTECH — East Bend, NC; (800) 253-8128; lincolnbiotech.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Zinpro .	MADE BY Chenango Valley Pet Foods, Sherburne, NY (APHIS-registered, certified organic, EU-certified).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Zinpro contains: Menhaden fish meal, brown rice, oatmeal, ground barley, herring meal, oat flour, rice flour, canola oil, evening primrose meal . . . 22% protein; 12% fat; 3% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – Company posits this: dogs don’t get enough zinc, which causes skin and coat problems, so Zinpro is formulated with a bioavailable zinc. Available at only a few independent pet supply stores but a number of online retailers, including k9cuisine.com and petfooddirect.com.	

LOTUS NATURAL FOOD — Torrance, CA; (888) 995-6887; lotuspetfoods.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Lotus (5 varieties, including 1 grain-free, 1 puppy, and 1 senior).	MADE BY Bio Biscuit, Montreal, Canada (AIB rated “Excellent,” Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service [AQIS]-registered, EU-certified).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Lotus Lamb contains: Lamb, lamb meal, rye, pollack, brown rice, barley, oatmeal, dried egg product, soybean oil, pea fiber . . . 24% protein; 12% fat; 4.5% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – These foods are baked, not extruded. Lotus says “initial tests on our oven-baked dog food that have shown 100% vitamin retention using vitamin E and vitamin A as markers as well a 100% protein retention using available lysine as a marker. Baking allows us to have a higher fresh meat content than in extruded foods. Because of the fresh meat content and fresh fruits and vegetables our food is very palatable without the use of flavors and sprayed-on fats.” Company says all ingredients are sourced in North America (with three exceptions: lamb, lamb meal, and green mussels from New Zealand). Products are available in independent pet supply stores and online from doggiefood.com.	

MERRICK PET CARE — Amarillo, TX; (800) 664-7387; merrickpetcare.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Before Grain (3 varieties, all grain-free); Merrick 5-Star (6 varieties, including 1 puppy and 1 senior); Whole Earth Farms (3 varieties).	MADE BY Merrick Pet Care’s own plant in Hereford, TX (APHIS-registered, Cook & Thurber audit rating of “A”).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Merrick’s Cowboy Cookout contains: Beef, pork meal, ground rice, oatmeal, pearled barley, salmon meal, beef fat, barley, natural flavor, rice bran . . . 24% protein; 14% fat; 4% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – “Merrick Pet Care owns and operates a full dry plant, cannery, treat facility, and distribution center, making it one of the only pet food manufacturers of its kind. Merrick 5-Star foods feature fresh meat as the #1 ingredient. Before Grain foods are grain-free and high in protein. Whole Earth Farms foods contain several protein sources. We suggest complementing Merrick dry foods with our extensive line of canned formulas. Merrick products are sold in independent pet supply stores throughout the USA and Canada, Petco and various online retailers.”	

MIDWESTERN PET FOODS, INC. — Evansville, IN; (800) 752-2319; earthbornholisticpetfood.com**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** – **Earthborn Holistic** (8 varieties, including 1 puppy and 4 grain-free).**MADE BY** Midwestern's own plant in Monmouth, IL (APHIS-registered, EU-certified).**HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY** – Earthborn Primitive Natural contains: Turkey meal, chicken meal, whitefish meal, potatoes, chicken fat, dried egg product, tomato pomace, apples, blueberries, carrots . . . 38% protein; 20% fat; 2.5% fiber; 10% moisture.**MISC INFO** – We appreciate the LARGE date/code printed on the bags, as well as the extra nutrients included on the Guaranteed Analysis: omega 3 and omega 6 fatty acids, vitamin E, L-carnitine, and beta carotene. Available in independent pet supply stores and from online retailers, including petfooddirect.com and doggiefood.com.**MULLIGAN STEW PET FOOD** — Jackson, WY; (888) 364-7839; mulliganstewpetfood.com**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** – **Mulligan Stew** (3 varieties).**MADE BY** Mountain Country Foods, Okeene, OK (AIB rated "Superior"; APHIS-registered, EU-certified).**HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY** – Mulligan Stew Lamb contains: Lamb, brown rice, oats, lamb meal, lamb liver, dehydrated alfalfa meal, flaxseed, eggs, dried cane molasses, natural lamb flavor . . . 26% protein; 10% fat; 8% fiber; 10% moisture.**MISC INFO** – All foods are baked, not extruded, and each variety has a single animal protein. Mulligan Stew posts results from lab tests (for contaminants) of its finished products on its website. Company says all ingredients are sourced in from U.S. farms and ranches. Eighteen extra nutrients are listed in the products' Guaranteed Analysis; we love that. Available in a few retail outlets and from the company's online store.**NATURA PET PRODUCTS** — Fremont, NE; (800) 532-7261; naturapet.com**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** – **California Natural** (14 varieties, 5 of which are grain-free); **Evo** (7 grain-free varieties); **HealthWise** (5 varieties); **Innova** (13 varieties, including 3 grain-free, 2 puppy, 3 senior); **Karma** (1 variety, an organic food that is now extruded [no longer a baked food]).**MADE BY** Natura's own plant in Fremont, NE (AIB rated "Superior," APHIS-registered, certified organic, ISO 22000:2005 Food Safety Management System-compliant, ISO 9001:2001 Quality Management System-compliant).**HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY** – Innova Prime Grain-Free Beef & Lamb contains: Beef, lamb meal, green lentils, red lentils, sunflower oil, flaxseed, pea fiber, Menhaden oil, apples, natural flavors . . . 36% protein; 16% fat; 4% fiber; 10% moisture.**MISC INFO** – "In 2011, Natura introduced the grain-free Innova PRIME line, with protein sourced from a single category: poultry, red meat, or fish. We also expanded the California Natural Grain-Free line with two new limited ingredient formulations with a novel protein source (kangaroo or salmon meal) and unique carbohydrate sources (lentils and peas) for pets with food sensitivities. These join other grain-free formulas in the line (venison meal, lamb meal, and chicken meal varieties) to create a collection of formulas with consistent fat levels to ease sensitivities associated with diet transitions and protein rotation. Natura takes extensive measures to protect the safety, consistency, and quality of our products. A sophisticated analytical laboratory in our plant, a state-of-the-art inventory management and warehousing system (to direct shipments to our retailers and distributors and assure product freshness), and a comprehensive supplier management program with rigorous quality checks and ingredient tracking systems protect the safety of our food supply chain." Products are sold in independent pet supply stores and through various online retailers.**NATURE'S VARIETY** — Lincoln, NE; (888) 519-7387; naturesvariety.com**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** – **Instinct** (7 grain-free varieties); **Prairie** (7 varieties, including 2 puppy).**MADE BY** Pied Piper Mills in Hamlin, TX (APHIS-registered).**HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY** – Prairie Beef & Barley contains: Beef meal, barley, brown rice, oatmeal, chicken fat, ground flaxseeds, montmorillonite clay, natural chicken flavor, alfalfa meal, potassium chloride . . . 26% protein; 14% fat; 3.5% fiber; 10% moisture.**MISC INFO** – Company promotes diet rotation among varieties and types, offering frozen raw and canned foods that complement the dry food lines. We like the two new "limited ingredient diets" (a turkey meal formula and a lamb meal formula) in the Instinct line, though we were chagrined to see the Instinct Beef variety now contains beef plasma (there must be better ways to boost the food's protein content). Products sold in independent pet supply stores, a pet speciality chain (Petco), and through various online retailers.**OMNIPRO PET FOODS** — Madison, MS; (601) 898-7773; omniprocare.com**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** – **OmniPro** (7 varieties, including 2 puppy and 1 senior).**MADE BY** Chenango Valley Pet Foods, Sherburne, NY (APHIS-registered, certified organic, EU-certified).**HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY** – OmniPro Performance contains: Chicken meal, brown rice, milo, chicken fat, dried beet pulp, salmon meal, flaxseed, dried egg, natural chicken flavor, brewers dried yeast . . . 26% protein; 18% fat; 3.5% fiber; 8% moisture.**MISC INFO** – Food is mainly exported; currently available in the U.S. only through Amazon.com.**PERFECT HEALTH DIET PRODUCTS** — Elmsford, NY; (800) 743-1502; phdproducts.com**LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE** – **PHD Viand** (2 varieties).**MADE BY** Pied Piper Mills in Hamlin, TX (APHIS-registered).**HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY** – PHD Viand Canine Growth & Maintenance contains: Lamb meal, chicken meal, oat groats, whole brown rice, chicken fat, flaxseed meal, natural chicken flavor, sea salt, tomato pomace, dried kelp. . . 26% protein; 16% fat; 3% fiber; 10% moisture.**MISC INFO** – Viand's formula was changed slightly (to replace corn with oat groats, since the company said it became impossible to find non-GMO corn). Company suggests using its products to supplement a fresh food diet. Available in a handful of independent pet supply stores, veterinary clinics, and by direct shipping.

PET CHEF EXPRESS — New Westminster, BC, Canada; (604) 916-2433; petchefexpress.ca	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Pet Chef Express .	MADE BY Nutreco Canada, Inc., Guelph, Ontario, Canada.
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Pet Chef Express contains: Salmon meal, oats, millet, hullless barley, canola oil, salmon oil, carrot, potato, potassium chloride, garlic . . . 25% protein; 10% fat; 3% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – Company provides home delivery in parts of Canada. Also sold in independent pet supply stores.	

PETCUREAN PET NUTRITION — Chilliwack, BC, Canada; (866) 864-6112; petcurean.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Go! (6 varieties, including 3 grain-free); Now Fresh (7 varieties, all grain-free); Summit Holistics (6 varieties).	MADE BY Elmira Pet Products, Elmira, Ontario, Canada (AIB compliant, APHIS-registered).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Go! Refresh + Renew Chicken contains: Chicken meal, deboned chicken, brown rice, white rice, oatmeal, sunflower oil, chicken fat, potatoes, salmon meal, chicken flavor . . . 24% protein; 14% fat; 2.5% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – “Petcurean is a Canadian-based, family-owned company committed to selling superior quality, nutritionally-balanced pet foods using natural, premium and fresh ingredients.” Go! now offers 3 Fit + Free grain-free, life-stage foods with high protein levels; the other 3 Go! foods have more moderate protein levels. Now Fresh varieties contain no rendered meats (meat meals) or grains. Summit line is lower in protein (and cost). Products available in independent pet supply stores and a variety of online retailers.	

PETGUARD — Green Cove Springs, FL; (877) 738-4827; petguard.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – PetGuard LifeSpan , PetGuard Organics LifePath , PetGuard Organics Vegetarian .	MADE BY CJ Foods, Bern, KS (AIB rated “Superior,” APHIS-registered, certified organic, EU-certified).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – PetGuard LifeSpan contains: Chicken, chicken meal, brown rice, oatmeal, chicken fat, eggs, dried carrots, dried celery, dried sweet potatoes, sunflower oil . . . 24% protein; 15% fat; 4% fiber; 12% moisture.	
MISC INFO – PetGuard, family owned and operated since 1979, is not exactly new to our list, but it dropped off a few years ago in protest of our requirement (since 2008) that food companies disclose their manufacturers (for publication) in order to be on WDJ’s “approved foods” lists. We’re glad PetGuard had a change of heart; we’ve always liked its foods, and they had nothing to hide – they’ve always used good manufacturers.	

PET VALU — Markham, Ontario, Canada; (800) 738-8258; performatrinultra.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Permatrin Ultra (6 varieties, 2 puppy, 1 grain-free).	MADE BY Elmira Pet Products, Elmira, Ontario, Canada (AIB compliant, APHIS-registered).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Permatrin Ultra Chicken & Brown Rice formula contains: Chicken, chicken meal, brown rice, oatmeal, rice, pearled barley, dried egg product, salmon meal, chicken fat . . . 22% protein; 12% fat; 4% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – Five varieties (Lamb Adult/Puppy, Chicken Adult/Puppy, and “Slim Care” [salmon]) are formulated similarly, except for the lead protein. New, grain-free variety contains 3 animal proteins. Products sold in PetValu stores in Canada and the northeastern U.S. and online retailers.	

PRECISE PET PRODUCTS — Nacogdoches, TX; (888) 477-3247; precisepet.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Precise (9 varieties); Precise Holistic Complete (7 varieties); Precise Plus (3 varieties).	MADE BY Texas Farm Products’ own plant in Nacogdoches, TX (AIB rated “Superior,” APHIS-registered).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Precise Holistic Complete Wild at Heart River contains: Salmon meal, brown rice, potato, oatmeal, chicken fat, rice bran, citrus fiber, flaxseed, dried egg product, natural flavor . . . 24% protein; 15% fat; 3.5% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – Company says many more additions to and improvements in the product lines are in the works. As it is now, these are good quality foods. Precise Holistic Complete line combines a “life stage” approach with a “dog size” tack, with offerings for puppies, adults, and senior dogs of small, medium, and large-breed sizes. Two newer formulas, Wild at Heart Flight and Wild at Heart River, include everything but the kitchen sink on the Guaranteed Analysis, including omega 3 and 6 fatty acids, DHA, ascorbic acid (vitamin C), glucosamine, and chondroitin.	

SMARTPAK CANINE — Plymouth, MA; (800) 461-8898; smartpak.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – LiveSmart (5 varieties).	MADE BY Chenango Valley Pet Foods, Sherburne, NY (APHIS-registered, certified organic, EU-certified).
HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – LiveSmart Lamb & Brown Rice Adult contains: Lamb, lamb meal, brown rice, barley, oats, dried beet pulp, canola oil, flaxseed, fish meal, natural flavor . . . 21% protein; 11% fat; 3.5% fiber; 10% moisture.	
MISC INFO – “LiveSmart is available in fresh-sealed, single serve ‘PortionPaks’ measured to your dog’s exact nutritional needs and shipped direct to your home every 28 days. PortionPaks are the fresh way to make mealtime easy and consistent (even children and husbands can serve the exact right amount!). There are thousands of dogs on PortionPaks throughout the US. Call 800-461-8898 for free samples.”	



THREE DOG BAKERY — Kansas City, MO; (800) 487-3287; threedog.com	
LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – Bake to Nature (5 varieties, including 1 puppy and 1 “healthy weight”).	MADE BY Hampshire Pet Products, Joplin, MO (APHIS-registered, certified organic, EU-certified, SQF 2000 Level 2 certification).

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Bake to Nature Chicken contains: Chicken, chicken meal, oatmeal, barley, rice, rice bran, flaxseed, egg, alfalfa meal, chicken fat . . . 22% protein; 10% fat; 5% fiber; 12% moisture.

MISC INFO – Three Dog Bakery hasn't been on this list previously for two reasons. First; past management of the company didn't want to disclose the food's maker. But the while the company's treats and wet foods were superb, the dry foods formulas were seriously lacking. The line has been reformulation, and looks good. All the products are baked, not extruded – and we have to say, *some* dogs do better on baked foods than extruded. We don't know why, it just is, so we're glad to have another baked food on our list (there are only a few). Products are available in the Three Dog Bakery stores, some supermarkets (Price Chopper, Hen House, Westlake Hardware, and Savemart), and from threedog.com.

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

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Solid Gold** (9 varieties, including 2 puppy, 2 grain-free).

MADE BY Crosswinds Industries, Sabetha, KS (EU-certified, AIB compliant, APHIS-registered); and Diamond Pet Products, Meta, MO (APHIS-registered).

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Sun Dancer Grain- and Gluten-Free contains: Chicken, chicken meal, tapioca, peas, whitefish meal, quinoa, potatoes, canola oil, tomato pomace, sweet potato . . . 30% protein; 14% fat; 4% fiber; 10% moisture.

MISC INFO – Last year, company launched a new grain-free food – also its first chicken-based dry dog food. Sun Dancer contains a few ingredients new to Solid Gold: tapioca, chia, and FOS. At 30% protein, it's a good choice for people who want a grain-free food that is lower in protein than the company's other grain-free product, Barking at the Moon (41% protein). Products available in independent pet supply stores and Petco.

TUFFY'S PET FOODS, INC. – Perham, MN; (800) 525-9155; nutrisourcedogfood.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Natural Planet Organics** (1 variety); **NutriSource** (16 varieties, including 6 grain-free, 5 large breed, 2 puppy, 1 senior, 1 weight management); **PureVita** (6 varieties, 3 grain-free).

MADE BY Tuffy's own plant in Perham, MN (APHIS-registered, EU-certified, certified organic, AIB compliant).

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Natural Planet Organics contains: Organic chicken, chicken meal, organic brown rice, organic oats, organic barley, natural flavors, organic flaxseed, chicken fat, calcium carbonate, organic sunflower oil . . . 23% protein; 14% fat; 4% fiber; 10% moisture.

MISC INFO – Natural Plant Organics certified by Oregon Tilth. NutriSource PureVita varieties each contain a single source of animal protein. Available in independent pet supply stores and online retailers.

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

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **VeRus** (5 varieties).

MADE BY Ohio Pet Foods, Lisbon, OH (EU-certified, APHIS-registered facility).

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – VeRUS Advanced Opticoat Diet Menhaden Fish Meal & Potato contains: Menhaden fish meal, potato, barley, oats, beet pulp, Menhaden fish oil, flaxseed oil, kelp, salt, parsley . . . 22% protein; 11% fat; 5% fiber; 10% moisture.

MISC INFO – Company says all lamb used in foods is free-range, grass-fed, New Zealand lamb. Available in independent pet supply stores and through a few online retailers.

VETS CHOICE – Deer Park, NY; (800) 992-9738; vetschoice.com



LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Vets Choice Health Extension** (5 varieties).

MADE BY Chenango Valley Pet Foods, Sherburne, NY (APHIS-registered, certified organic, EU-certified).

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Vets Choice Health Extension Original contains: Organic chicken, chicken meal, brown rice, oatmeal, chicken fat, lamb meal, Menhaden fishmeal, flaxseed, dried beet pulp, brewer dried yeast . . . 24% protein; 18% fat; 4% fiber; 10% moisture.

MISC INFO – “Every bite of Health Extension includes fish oil, primrose oil, glucosamine, chondroitin, colostrum, blue-green algae, prebiotics, and probiotics. Organic chicken is our first ingredient, and we never use by-products, gluten, wheat, corn, soy, or artificial flavors, colors, or preservatives. Available in independent pet supply stores and some online retailers.

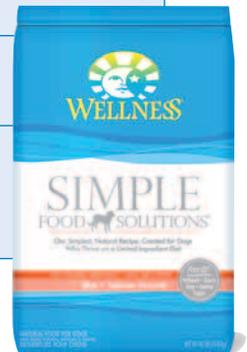
WELLPET – Tewksbury, MA; (800) 225-0904; holisticselect.com; wellnesspetfood.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – **Holistic Select** (11 varieties, including 3 puppy, 2 small breed, 2 large breed, 1 senior, 1 weight management); **Wellness Core** (3 grain-free varieties); **Wellness Simple Food Solutions** (3 varieties, each with a single source of animal protein and rice); **Wellness Complete Health Super5Mix** (11 varieties, including 3 puppy, 3 small breed, 2 large breed, 2 “healthy weight,” 1 senior [some of these overlap]).

MADE BY American Nutrition, Inc., Ogden, UT (APHIS-registered, Cook & Thurber audit rating of “Superior”); CJ Foods in Bern, KS (EU-certified, APHIS-registered, certified organic, AIB rated “Superior”); Diamond Pet Foods, Gaston, SC (EU-certified, APHIS-registered); Hagen Pet Foods, Waverly, NY; Cook & Thurber audit rating of “Superior”; WellPet's own plant, Mishawaka, IN (AIB rated “Superior”).

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Holistic Select Radiant Adult Health Chicken Meal & Rice contains: Chicken meal, brown rice, white rice, oatmeal, chicken fat, pork meal, dried beet pulp, anchovy & sardine meal, flaxseed, dried egg product, Menhaden fish oil, tomato pomace . . . 24% protein; 15% fat; 4% fiber; 10% moisture.

MISC INFO – “We continue to improve food safety and quality systems throughout our supply chain. We're excited about new hires at WellPet who have vast experience in quality and regulatory affairs. Also, we've assembled veterinary and nutrition experts to help guide new product development. We're excited to continue to provide healthy solutions backed by quality, safety, and scientific expertise to our loved pet family members.” Available in independent pet supply stores, Petco, and PetSmart.



LAUGHING DOG, INC. — Ventura, CA; (805) 653-7813; laughingdoginc.com

LINES/TYPES AVAILABLE – 3 “life stages” varieties.

MADE BY Taplow Feeds, Chilliwack, BC, Canada (APHIS-registered, Canadian Food Inspection Agency [CFIA]-registered, EU-certified).

HIGHLIGHTED VARIETY – Brave Dog (adult) variety contains: Chicken meal, oats, barley, brown rice, chicken fat, fish meal, potato, potassium chloride, kelp, calcium propionate . . . 26% protein; 16% fat; 5% fiber; 10% moisture.

MISC INFO – “We entered into an agreement with the Haida Tribe in Canada to provide us with their premium kelp, an excellent detoxifier. Virgin coconut oil, extra omegas, and the inclusion of antioxidant berries give our food the extra punch the immune system needs.” Products available in independent pet supply stores and direct shipped to consumers.