

More Dooks Ferret Food Chart

Summary

This ferret food chart mathematically rates dry ferret, cat, and kitten foods.

Keep in mind that it is impossible to determine the exact quality or the meat content of a food from just the information that is required to be on its label. The best we can do with the bit of information we get is approximate (or look at foods that provide meat content claims or other extra information).

This chart rates foods by assessing the amount of protein and fat they contain, and then scoring the quality of their main sources. It also penalizes high amounts of carbohydrates (such as vegetables and sweeteners).

The Exact Math (feel free to skip if you're lazy)

We award equal points to both protein and fat being as high as possible. Each percent that is in the food earns 0.51 points. The first 6 ingredients are rated on a weighted scale (meaning points are more greatly affected by ingredients that are higher on the list):

+6 for the first ingredient, +5 for the second, +4 for the third, +3 for the fourth, +2 for the fifth, +1 for the sixth
Named meats and meat meals. Named animal fats or oils.

+3 for the first ingredient, +2.5 for the second, +2 for the third, +1.5 for the fourth, +1 for the fifth, +0.5 for the sixth
Unnamed meats, meat meals, fat, or oils.

Named by-products and digests.

0 points awarded

Unnamed by-products and digests.

Flavoring, plant oils, supplements, and anything else not listed.

-3 for the first ingredient, -2.5 for the second, -2 for the third, -1.5 for the fourth, -1 for the fifth, -0.5 for the sixth
ALL vegetables and fruits. Grains/corn/wheat will not be punished beyond other vegetables unless someone can find substantial proof that they do more harm than potatoes. I've spent a lot of time trying with no luck getting results.

-4.5 for the first ingredient, -3.75 for the second, -3 for the third, -2.25 for the fourth, -1.5 for the fifth, -0.75 for the sixth
Vegetable proteins (not to specifically penalize them, but rather to roughly take back the points they awarded for elevating the protein level of the food)

-12 for the first ingredient, -10 for the second, -8 for the third, -6 for the fourth, -4 for the fifth, -2 for the sixth
Sweeteners (sugars that provide no nutritional benefit).

This criteria seems to be quite effective for scoring the majority of foods, but do keep in mind that some foods with a very limited ingredient variety may score a bit lower than they "should" (ie. Instinct Chicken).

The Score

All Foods are given a ranking in points, and point ranges are divided into tiers.

Green Tier: Excellent Foods that a ferret can thrive on.* These all have a minimum of 40% protein. Most of them are grain-free and provide a promise of at least 75% animal ingredients.

*note that Epigen cat/dog is an exception that has excellent protein levels, but does not contain enough fat for a ferret to thrive on (it is 11-12% fat) and is thus recommended as a treat or 'mixer' only.

Blue Tier: Solidly good foods. Most of them meet a ferret's basic requirements for protein and do so without using meat by-products.

Orange Tier: A ferret could certainly live on these foods, but I would not personally expect them to thrive. I would recommend switching or mixing with a higher quality food.

Red Tier: Foods that I would personally NOT consider to be suitable for a ferret.

Important Tips

- If you're entirely new to ferret nutrition and would like a crash course to help understand this logic, visit our [Ferret Nutrition for Newbies- Where to Start](#) page.
- While we believe that high quality kitten foods are ferret-suitable (especially compared to some of the low-end ferret foods out there), there are also people who don't. If you're not comfortable feeding cat food, don't do it. You can scroll down to the bottom of the page to disclude cat foods or change the chart's scoring system if you disagree with our scoring setup.
- I'm not a vet, so please consider my word to be professional medical advice. Read our full disclaimer [here](#).
- DON'T feed only one food. Pick 2 or 3 foods and mix them or rotate ([read why here](#)).
- Whole prey or raw meat is generally regarded as the very best diet, I recommend [checking it out](#) before making any decisions.

Points	Name	Type	Protein	Fat	Fiber	First 6 ingredients					
58.3	Wysong Ferret Epigen 90	dry	60%	20%	3.5%	chicken	chicken meal	chicken fat	chicken giblets	gelatin	apples
56.59	Innova EVO cat and kitten	dry	50.2%	22.53%	1.39%	turkey	chicken meal	chicken	herring meal	chicken fat	peas
56.59	Innova EVO ferret	dry	50.2%	22.53%	1.39%	turkey	chicken meal	chicken	herring meal	chicken fat	peas
55.29	Young Again Zero Carb Cat	dry	55%	24%	4%	chicken meal	pork protein concentrate	poultry fat	soybean oil	fish oil	herring meal
54.66	Go! Fit and Free	dry	48%	18%	1.5%	chicken meal	de-boned chicken	de-boned turkey	duck meal	turkey meal	salmon meal
54.22	Wysong Epigen 90 [RECOMMENDED AS MIXER ONLY]	dry	60%	12%	3.5%	chicken	chicken meal	chicken fat	chicken giblets	gelatin	apples
52.62	Orijen Cat	dry	42.0%	20.0%	2.5%	deboned chicken	chicken meal	deboned salmon	turkey meal	chicken liver	herring meal

51.63	Wellness CORE Kitten	dry	45%	18%	3%	deboned turkey	whitefish meal	deboned chicken	herring meal	chicken meal	peas
51.63	Wellness CORE cat	dry	45%	18%	3%	deboned turkey	deboned chicken	chicken meal	whitefish meal	herring meal	peas
50.96	Wysong Epigen [RECOMMENDED AS MIXER ONLY]	dry	60%	11%	3.5%	chicken	chicken meal	chicken giblets	vegetable protein	poultry fat	egg
50.1	Natures Variety Instinct Duck and Turkey	dry	40%	20%	2.5%	duck meal	turkey meal	chicken meal	herring meal	chicken fat	tapioca
49.59	Instinct Rawboost Duck and Turkey	dry	42%	17%	2.8%	duck meal	turkey meal	chicken meal	herring meal	chicken fat	tapioca
48.72	Instinct Rawboost Chicken	dry	50%	22%	2.8%	chicken meal	chicken fat	tapioca	salmon meal	chicken flavor	pumpkin seeds
48.72	Natures Variety Instinct Chicken	dry	50%	22%	2.8%	chicken meal	chicken fat	tapioca	salmon meal	chicken flavor	pumpkin seeds
48.6	Natures Variety Instinct Rabbit	dry	40%	20%	2.4%	rabbit meal	chicken meal	salmon meal	herring meal	tapioca	chicken fat
48.22	Young Again 50 22 Cat	dry	50%	22%	4%	chicken meal	pork protein concentrate	poultry fat	potato starch	tomato pomace	herring meal
47.22	Natural Gold Ferret Food	dry	50%	22%	5%	chicken meal	pork protein concentrate	potato starch	poultry fat	soybean oil	grape seed oil

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47.22	Young Again Ferret	dry	50%	22%	5%	chicken meal	pork protein concentrate	poultry fat	potato starch	tomato pomace	cellulose
46.12	Innova Kitten	dry	40%	22%	3%	turkey	chicken	chicken meal	rice	barley	chicken fat
45.6	BLUE Wilderness Kitten	dry	40%	20%	3.5%	deboned chicken	chicken meal	turkey meal	potato starch	fish meal	fish oil
45.08	BLUE Wilderness Duck	dry	40%	18%	3.5%	deboned duck	chicken meal	turkey meal	potato starch	fish meal	chicken fat
45.08	BLUE Wilderness Chicken	dry	40%	18%	3.5%	deboned chicken	chicken meal	turkey meal	potato starch	fish meal	chicken fat
45.06	Chicken Soup for the Kitten Lovers Soul	dry	34%	22%	4%	chicken	chicken meal	turkey meal	chicken fat	cracked pearly barley	white rice
44.55	Acana Cat Grasslands	dry	35%	20%	2.5%	boneless lamb	lamb meal	salmon meal	russet potato	herring meal	chicken meal
44.06	Innova Cat and Kitten	dry	36%	20%	2.5%	turkey	chicken meal	chicken	potatoes	egg	barley
44.06	Serengeti Cat	dry	38%	18%	2.5%	chicken meal	chicken	chicken fat	dried potato product	salmon meal	natural flavors
43.12	Innova PRIME Cat	dry	42%	20%	3.5%	chicken	chicken meal	peas	turkey	flaxseed	pea fiber
43.08	BLUE Wilderness Salmon	dry	40%	18%	3.5%	deboned salmon	chicken meal	turkey meal	potato starch	peas	chicken fat

42.58	Drs Foster and Smith Ferret	dry	38%	20%	2.8%	Chicken Meal	Brown Rice	Chicken Fat	Dried Egg Product	Lamb Meal	Chicken Digest
42.11	8 in 1 ULTIMATE Crunchy	dry	45%	16%	3%	chicken	chicken meal	ground rice	chicken fat	chicken digest	raisin juice
42.09	Path Valley Farm PVF Crunchy	dry	37%	22%	1.5%	chicken meal	rice flour	egg product	chicken fat	catfish meal	wheat flour
41.59	Felidae pureELEMENT S	dry	39%	20%	1.5%	Chicken meal	turkey meal	lamb	potatoes	potato protein	peas
41.16	Solid Gold Indigo Moon	dry	46%	20%	3%	chicken meal	potatoes	canola oil	chicken	chicken flavor	salmon oil
41.1	Zupreem Premium Ferret	dry	40%	20%	2%	chicken meal	chicken fat	ground wheat	wheat flour	chicken	egg product
41.04	Before Grain Tuna Cat	dry	36.0%	18.0%	3.0%	deboned tuna	chicken meal	dehydrated potato	turkey meal	chicken fat	dehydrated sweet potato
41.04	Before Grain Chicken Cat	dry	36.0%	18.0%	3.0%	deboned chicken	chicken meal	dehydrated potato	turkey meal	chicken fat	dehydrated sweet potato
41.04	Before Grain Salmon Cat	dry	36.0%	18.0%	3.0%	salmon meal	chicken meal	dehydrated potato	turkey meal	chicken fat	dehydrated sweet potato
40.06	Premium Edge Kitten	dry	34%	22%	3%	chicken	chicken meal	brown rice	chicken fat	oatmeal	fish meal
40.06	Professional Kitten Chicken and Rice	dry	34%	22%	3%	chicken	chicken meal	ground rice	chicken fat	pea protein	egg product

	Formula											
40.05	Totally Ferret Turkey Venison and Lamb	dry	35%	20%	1.75%	turkey meal	dried egg product	brown rice	poultry fat	catfish meal	rice flour	
40.02	4Health Cat	dry	34%	18%	3%	chicken	chicken meal	egg product	cracked pearled barley	ground rice	chicken fat	
39.6	Triple F Farms Ferret Food	dry	38%	22%	1.5%	chicken meal	rice flour	egg product	chicken fat	wheat flour	dried beet pulp	
39.59	L Avian Plus Ferret	dry	36%	23%	3%	chicken meal	chicken fat	wheat middlings	chicken by-product meal	brewers rice	ground flax seed	
39.52	HealthWise Cat N Kitten Dry Food	dry	32.51%	20.48%	1.67%	chicken meal	brown rice	chicken	chicken fat	herring meal	flaxseed	
39.06	Marshall	dry	38%	18%	4%	chicken by-products	chicken	herring meal	corn	oatmeal	cod fish	
39	Chicken Soup for the Cat Lovers Soul	dry	30%	20%	4%	chicken	chicken meal	cracked pearled barley	chicken fat	turkey meal	white rice	
38.6	All Living Things Ferret Daily Diet	dry	40%	20%	3%	chicken	chicken meal	corn protein concentrate	brewers rice	poultry fat	fish meal	
38.1	Vitalin Ferret	dry	40%	20%	2%	chicken & chicken meat meal	whole rice	herring meal	whole egg	chicken liver & sugar beet	vitamins & minerals	
38.08	AvoDerm Kitten	dry	36%	22%	3%	chicken meal	ground whole grain corn	chicken fat	herring meal	corn gluten meal	whole ground brown rice	
38.05	Wysong	dry	35%	20%	3%	Chicken	Chicken Giblets	Poultry fat	Ground Brown	Ground Wheat	Ground Corn	

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38.04	Fromm Kitten Gold	dry	34%	20%	3.5%	duck	chicken meal	pearled barley	white rice	salmon meal	chicken fat
37.58	Totally Ferret Active Show Pet	dry	36%	22%	1.5%	Chicken by-product meal	Rice flour	dried egg product	chicken fat	poultry fat	wheat flour
37.06	Simply Nourish Kitten	dry	38%	18%	3%	chicken	chicken meal	rice flour	canola oil	natural flavor	tomato pomace
36.54	By Nature Kitten Formula	dry	34%	20%	4%	chicken meal	ground barley	chicken fat	ground oats	chicken	chicken livers
36.54	Lifes Abundance Cat	dry	33%	21%	3%	chicken meal	ground brown rice	chicken fat	dried beet pulp	dried egg product	catfish meal
36.51	Marshall Senior	dry	34%	17%	3%	chicken by-products	chicken	herring meal	corn	oatmeal	cod fish
36.33	Royal Canin Babycat 34	dry	34%	24%	3.5%	chicken meal	rice	chicken fat	corn gluten meal	chicken	corn
36.3	James Wellbeloved natural ferret food	dry	36%	19%	3%	turkey meal	ground whole wheat	turkey fat	fish meal	turkey gravy	potato protein
36.06	Iams Premium Protection Kitten	dry	34%	22%	3%	chicken	corn meal	chicken by-product meal	poultry by-product meal	animal fat	dried egg product
36.06	BLUE Kitten	dry	36%	20%	3.5%	deboned chicken	chicken meal	whole ground brown rice	ground barley	oatmeal	chicken fat

36.02	California Natural Cat and Kitten food	dry	36%	16%	1.5%	chicken	chicken meal	brown rice	rice	chicken fat	natural flavors
35.6	Living World Ferret	dry	38%	22%	3.5%	poultry meal	poultry fat	ground maize	dried egg	brewers rice	dried beet pulp
35.52	Felidae Chicken Meal and Rice Formula	dry	32%	20%	2.5%	Chicken meal	brown rice	chicken fat	egg product	cracked pearled barley	peas
35.52	Natural Balance Ultra Premium Cat Food	dry	34%	18%	3%	chicken meal	chicken	brown rice	barley	oatmeal	chicken fat
35.29	8 in 1 ULTIMATE Soft-Moist	dry	36%	18%	3.6%	chicken meal	chicken	rice flour	soy flour	poultry fat	corn gluten meal
35.04	Wellness Kitten	dry	36%	18%	3%	deboned chicken	chicken meal	rice	ground barley	ground rice	chicken fat
35.01	Fromm Chicken A La Veg Cat	dry	32%	19%	3.5%	chicken	chicken meal	pearled barley	white rice	chicken broth	sweet potatoes
34.81	Wellness CORE Cat Turkey and Duck Formula	dry	38%	18%	6%	deboned turkey	turkey meal	peas	potato protein	canola oil	tomato pomace
34.79	Authority Kitten	dry	34%	20%	3%	chicken	chicken meal	brewers rice	corn protein concentrate	poultry fat	ground corn
34.6	Zupreem Grain-Free Ferret	dry	42%	18%	3%	chicken meal	sweet potatoes	peas	chicken fat	potato protein	salmon

34.58	Eukanuba Kitten	dry	36%	22%	2.5%	chicken	chicken by-product meal	corn meal	corn grits	dried beet pulp	dried egg product
34.56	PRO PAC Cat Kitten	dry	34%	22%	3%	chicken meal	rice	ground corn	chicken fat	dried egg	beet pulp
34.55	Eukanuba Adult Lamb and Rice Formula	dry	34%	21%	2.5%	chicken	chicken by-product meal	corn meal	corn grits	Lamb	Brewers Rice
34.54	Evolve Kitten Formula	dry	34%	20%	4%	chicken	chicken meal	ground brown rice	corn meal	corn gluten meal	chicken fat
34.54	lams Kitten	dry	33%	21%	3%	chicken	corn meal	chicken by-product meal	animal fat	dried beet pulp	dried egg product
34.52	Holistic Select Cat and Kitten	dry	32%	20%	2.8%	chicken meal	ground brown rice	chicken fat	oatmeal	anchovy & sardine meal	flaxseed
34.36	Nutro Natural Choice Kitten	dry	43%	18%	3%	chicken meal	corn gluten meal	ground rice	chicken fat	wheat flour	herring meal
34.04	Prairie Chicken Meal and Brown Rice Medley	dry	34%	20%	2.5%	chicken meal	brown rice	oatmeal	chicken fat	menhaden fish meal	ground flaxseeds
34.02	Go! Refresh and Renew	dry	32%	20%	2.5%	chicken meal	deboned chicken	whole brown rice	whole white rice	oatmeal	chicken fat
34.01	Halo Spots Stew Grain-Free Cat	dry	33%	18%	6.5%	chicken	eggs	pea protein	vegetable broth	chicken fat	peas
33.54		dry	36%	18%	4%	chicken	chicken	chicken	corn meal	dried	cane

	Marshall Select						by-products	by-product meal		beet pulp	molasses
33.53	Kaytee FortiDiet Ferret	dry	35%	18%	4%	poultry meal	fish meal	pork fat	soy flour	kibbled corn	dried beet pulp
33.3	Eagle Pack Kitten	dry	34%	21%	3.8%	chicken meal	ground brown rice	chicken fat	corn gluten meal	ground yellow corn	anchovy & sardine meal
32.85	Taste of the Wild feline	dry	42%	18%	3%	chicken meal	peas	sweet potatoes	chicken fat	pea protein	potato protein
32.75	Holistic Blend Chicken and Salmon Feline	dry	32%	18%	3%	chicken meal	ground brown rice	chicken fat	hulless barley	chicken	soy protein
32.58	Purina ONE Healthy Kitten Formula	dry	40%	18%	2.5%	chicken	chicken by-product meal	corn gluten meal	brewers rice	soybean meal	animal fat
32.55	Science Selective Ferret	dry	36%	19%	2%	poultry by-product meal	whole wheat	chicken fat	fish meal	turkey meal	dried beet pulp
32.34	Pro Plan Dry Kitten Food	dry	41%	18%	3%	chicken	brewers rice	corn gluten meal	chicken by-product	animal fat	soybean meal
32.04	Blackwood Kitten	dry	33%	21%	2.75%	chicken meal	brown rice	oat groats	chicken fat	dried beet pulp	egg product
31.77	Sunscription Vita Prima Ferret	dry	36%	16%	4.5%	porcine meat and bone meal	chicken by-product meal	ground corn	brewers rice	poultry fat	corn gluten meal
31.55	Sheppard and Greene Ferret Food	dry	35%	20%	2%	chicken meal	ground rice	corn gluten meal	chicken fat	ground corn	dried whole egg

30.77	Browns Zoo Vital Ferret	dry	34%	18%	2.5%	poultry meal	ground wheat	chicken fat	fish meal	wheat middlings	soybean meal
30.29	Path Valley Farm Premium	dry	34%	20%	3.5%	poultry meal	poultry fat	cooked corn	soy meal	porcine blood meal	wheat middlings
30.03	Totally Ferret Complete	dry	35%	18%	2%	chicken meal	wheat flour	corn meal	chicken fat	brown rice	potatoes
29.03	Kaytee Fiesta Max Ferret	dry	34%	19%	3%	poultry meal	poultry by-product meal	brewers rice	ground wheat	dried egg product	poultry fat
29.03	Royal Canin Kitten 36	dry	36%	17%	3.5%	chicken meal	brown rice	corn gluten meal	corn	chicken fat	chicken
28.83	Science Diet Kitten	dry	37%	21%	2.5%	chicken by-product meal	ground whole grain corn	animal fat	corn gluten meal	brewers rice	chicken liver flavor
28.55	Kaytee FortiDiet Pro Health Ferret	dry	35%	20%	3%	poultry meal	poultry by-product meal	brewers rice	poultry fat	dehulled soybean meal	ground wheat
28.51	Kaytee Fiesta Ferret	dry	35%	16%	5%	poultry meal	ground corn	fish meal	rice	pork fat	dried beet pulp
28.45	Wild Harvest	dry	30%	15%	3%	chicken meal	ground rice	chicken fat	papaya	pineapple	chicken digest
27.97	Iams Original Chicken	dry	32%	15%	3%	chicken	chicken by-product meal	corn meal	corn grits	dried beet pulp	poultry by-product meal
27.84	Mazuri Ferret	dry	38%	20.5%	4%	poultry by-product meal	ground brown rice	dehulled soybean meal	porcine animal fat (BHA)	poultry digest	poultry fat (ethoxyquin)
26.52	Felidae	dry	32%	20%	2.5%	Chicken meal	brown rice	cracked pearled	peas	millet	chicken fat

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25.75	8 in 1 Ultra	dry	35%	15%	3%	chicken meal	ground yellow corn	brewers rice	corn gluten meal	animal fat	corn oil
24.45	Blackwood Adult Cat	dry	30%	15%	3.5%	chicken meal	ground corn	brown rice	wheat flour	chicken fat	dried beet pulp
23.03	Purina Kitten Chow	dry	40%	12.5%	4%	chicken by-product meal	corn gluten meal	brewers rice	soy flour	animal fat	wheat flour
21.51	Meow Mix Kitten	dry	36%	15%	4.5%	chicken by-product meal	brewers rice	corn gluten meal	ground yellow corn	soybean meal	beef tallow
20.9	LM Farms Bonanza Ferret	dry	30%	10%	5%	kibbled corn	fish meal	poultry meal	soy flour	spray dried animal blood	feeding oat meal
14.63	Wild Harvest Daily Blend	dry	30%	8%	4%	poultry by-product meal	brewers rice	ground yellow corn	corn gluten meal	chicken fat	brewers dried yeast

animal fish vegetable other

*All foods below 8% or above 12% moisture have been converted to [kibble matter](#) on this chart