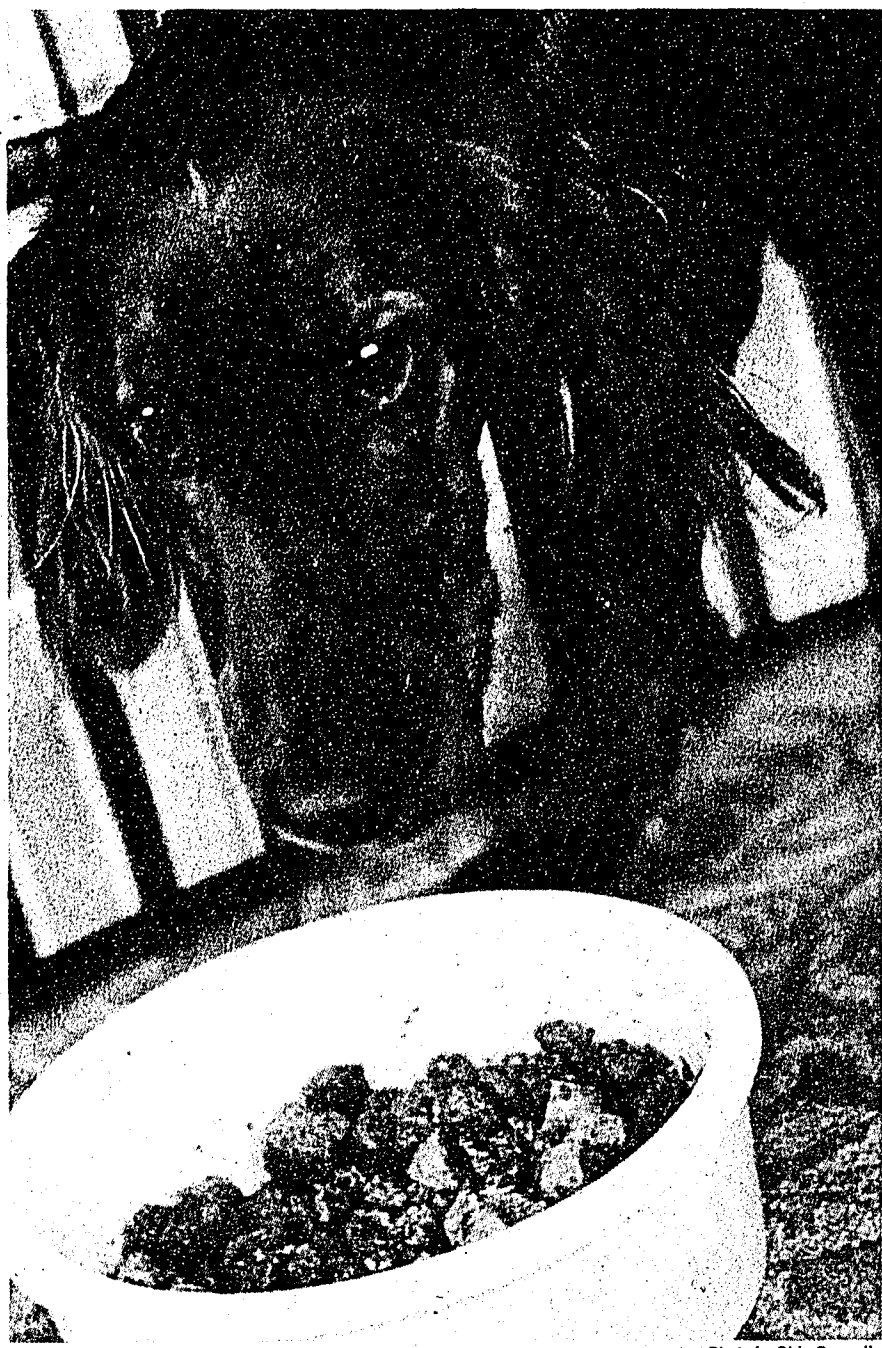


It's a dog-eat-dog world Pet foods compared, contrasted



An Irish Setter pauses from his dinner. Pets' health depends on what their owners feed them. When buying pet food, the owner should consider the nutritional need of the animal. All pet foods are not alike.

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Interested in owning a cat or dog but afraid of high costs?

With a little nutritional knowledge it's possible to feed a pet appealing and nourishing food at low cost.

Lately the consumer has been inundated with a large variety of pet food products designed for all types of cats and dogs at all stages of life.

Many of these products for "problem" (i.e. overweight, finicky, lethargic) cats and dogs are unnecessary.

Before buying any pet food, a consumer should read the entire label.

"Quality is not obvious from just looking at a label," John D. Sink, professor of meat science, said.

The first thing to check is the "guaranteed analysis statement," which is required on pet food labels in most states. It lists the percentage amounts of crude protein, fat, fiber, and moisture in the food.

The most important of these four is the crude protein. "Crude" connotes the total amount of protein in the product. The pet will not digest all this protein.

The next thing to check is the list of ingredients to determine the source of the crude protein. Look for high quality sources such as meat, meat by-products, and soybean meal.

"Animal sources are the best quality of protein but this does not mean the consumer must buy meat or choose canned products; the ingredients list on most dry type foods reveals that meat or meat derivatives have been used in the formula," according to the FDA.

Another indication of a nutritious pet food is a variety of ingredients. Lungs, livers, spleens, and fats are some of the most nourishing ingredients in the food.

There are three main types of cat and dog food: Canned, semi-moist, and dry. Composition and price of all three types for both pets were compared at Ma-jik Mart, Weis Market, and Acme Market in State College.

Three canned cat foods, each 6.5 ounces, were compared: 9 Lives Liver, priced 38 cents, 2 for 57 cents, and 27 cents at Ma-jik Mart, Weis, and Acme respectively; Weis Quality Liver & Fish, priced 2 for 47 cents; and Acme Pet Agree Liver, priced 22 cents.

Semi-moist products were relatively few in number. Purina Tender Vittles (6.5 ounces), was priced 49 cents, 37 cents, and 37 cents at Ma-jik, Weis, and Acme respectively.

Three different Purina dry food products were compared: Original Blend Cat Chow (22 ounces), priced 91 cents, 73 cents, and 67 cents at Ma-jik Mart, Weis, and Acme respectively; Meow Mix (18 ounces), priced 85 cents, 65 cents, and 63 cents at Ma-jik Mart, Weis, and Acme respectively; and Special Dinners (18 oz.), priced 65 cents and 63 cents at Weis and Acme respectively.

Some scientists are convinced that canned cat food is best because of its high quality protein. Canned food might also be the best buy because most cats prefer it to the semi-moist and dry types.

Three brands of canned dog food were compared: Alpo Beef "Chunks" dinner (14.5 oz.), was priced 48 cents, 37 cents and 39 cents at Ma-jik, Weis, and Acme respectively; Weis Beef Flavor Dog Food (15.5 oz.), priced 5 for 95 cents; and Acme Pet Agree Beef Flavor Dog Food (15.5 oz.), priced 5 for \$1.

Two semi-moist brands were compared: Gaines Prime Variety (36 oz.), priced \$1.35 and \$1.33, and Ken-L Ration (36 oz.), priced \$1.35 and \$1.33 at Weis and Acme respectively.

Three dry food products were compared: Gravy Train (5 pounds), was priced \$2.05, \$1.59, and \$1.39 at Ma-jik, Weis, and Acme respectively; Purina Dog Chow (5 pounds), priced \$1.59 and \$1.39 at Weis and Acme respectively; and Acme Gravy Style Dog Food (5 pounds), priced \$1.19.

Dry food is recommended for dogs because of its easy digestibility. It also helps keep the dog's teeth clean by removing tartar build-up often caused by canned food.

Policy board added under proposed gov't

The University Task Force established a policy board to be included in the Programming Bureau of the Central Council of the proposed Student Association and changed the composition of the Budgetary Review Committee Wednesday night.

The policy board will make recommendations to the Hetzel Union Board, Colloquy and the Concert Committee regarding the programming needs of University students. It will have no authority over the decisions of these organizations.

Each of these organizations will have two members on the board. The head of the bureau will also be a member.

The Budgetary Review Committee, which will hear appeals in matters related to University funds, will consist of three members of Central Council, the chairman of the Budget Committee and will be chaired by the President of the Central Council.

Previously, there would have been two members of the Central Council on the committee. The change was made to eliminate prospective bias within the committee.

The Task Force will hold public hearings regarding its proposal according to the following schedule:

— January 30, 7 to 10 p.m. in Findlay Lounge.

— January 31, 7 to 10 p.m. in the Pollock Union Building.

— February 1, 7 to 10 p.m. in the HUB main lounge.

Also, members of the Task Force will be available to answer questions from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on January 31 in 307 HUB.

— by Bruce Becker



faculty, and state legislators. The symposium begins with a session from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight in 320-323 HUB.

Class make-up motion passes

Academic Assembly Wednesday night passed a motion saying the University must provide the option for students to make up classes missed on days when the University is officially closed.

A majority of the students in a class would decide when to make up the class.

Academic Assembly members of the USG Executive Council expressed concern about the final exam policy, and the assembly agreed to send a bulletin to faculty members, departments and colleges which would explain the policy.

The assembly also decided to institute a final exam "hotline" to handle complaints about the exam policy for one day.

The offices of administrative liaison and faculty advisor from the Faculty Senate were added to the assembly. The assembly voted also to eliminate the office of parliamentarian.

Black students of Pa. to meet

The first known statewide meeting of black students, the "Caucus of Pennsylvania Black Collegians," will be held on campus Jan. 26-28.

Black state legislators and student representatives from Pennsylvania colleges and universities will meet at the University to discuss political issues that affect blacks in Pennsylvania.

The symposium will feature discussion workshops led by students,

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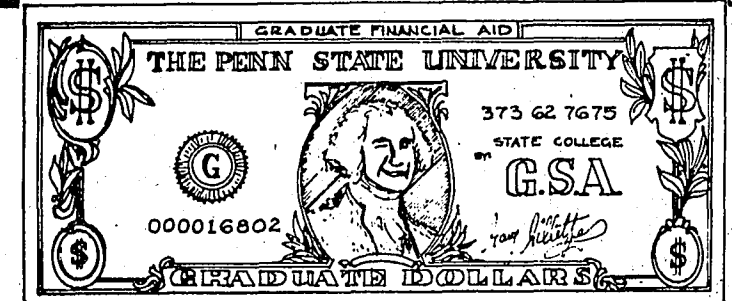
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