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With such a wide variety of dog food products on the market it can be difficult to work out which is the best for your pet.

If you want to find the very best product you should avoid being swayed by bold marketing claims. Some of the bigger manufacturers spend millions each year trying to convince you that their food is the best. Look past the advertising hype and you will generally find that the price of the food is the biggest indicator of a quality [dry dog food](#) product.

Look for the food to contain around 25% protein, with oils making up around 20% of the ingredients. Make sure the protein is of a high quality. All dogs are different and their age, mobility, lifestyle and breed will have an effect on the amount of protein and oil that they will require in their diet. If you are in any doubt you should ask your vet for advice. In order for you to make an informed decision, you must know which ingredients are better than others. Check the label for the following ingredients: Quality beef, lamb, turkey, chicken and fish plus vegetable oil and rice. Make sure meat is the first thing on the ingredients list. Chicken is fine for dogs but be cautious if chicken is the main ingredient. By simply listing "Chicken" many manufacturers will actually include the beak, feet and even feathers.

Try and source a dog food containing vitamins and fatty acids. Omega 6 and 3 plus Vitamin E are great examples of these. Don't buy food laden with artificial preservatives. Try and avoid buying foods heavy in wheat, chicken by-products, gluten and soy. Such ingredients are hard for any dog to digest and can cause health problems in later life, so you really do need to avoid them. A sweet tooth is not only a problem for humans – dogs love the taste too! But avoid feeding sugary foods or your dog will quickly become a fussy eater.

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