

Table 27-17. Levels of key nutrients in selected commercial foods marketed for weight maintenance in cats after a weight-loss program compared to recommended levels.*

Dry foods	Energy density kcal/cup)**	Energy density (kcal ME/g)	Fat (%)	Fiber (%)	Protein (%)	Carb (%)	Carn (ppm)	Vit. E (IU/kg)	Vit. C (mg/kg)	Se (mg/kg)	Na (%)	P (%)
Recommended levels	-	≤3.8	≤18	6-15	≥35	≤40	≥500	≥500	100-200	0.5-1.3	0.2-0.6	0.5-0.8
Hill's Prescription Diet w/d Feline Low Fat-Diabetic-Gastrointestinal	281	3.5	9.8	7.6	39.0	37.4	498.9	692	117	0.85	0.46	0.77
Hill's Prescription Diet w/d Feline Low Fat-Diabetic-Gastrointestinal with Chicken	278	3.5	9.9	7.6	39.9	35.4	500.0	721	122	0.70	0.35	0.86
Iams Veterinary Formula Weight Control D/Optimum Weight Control	326	3.8	12.2	1.5	38.6	41.2	na	na	na	na	0.39	1.01
Medi-Cal Weight Control/Mature	323	na	12.0	3.7	35.9	na	na	na	na	na	0.50	1.00
Purina Veterinary Diets OM Overweight Management Feline Formula	321	3.6	8.5	5.6	56.2	22.4	na	693	116	na	0.57	1.19
Moist foods	Energy density kcal/can)**	Energy density (kcal ME/g)	Fat (%)	Fiber (%)	Protein (%)	Carb (%)	Carn (ppm)	Vit. E (IU/kg)	Vit. C (mg/kg)	Se (mg/kg)	Na (%)	P (%)
Recommended levels	-	≤3.8	≤18	6-15	≥35	≤40	≥500	≥500	100-200	0.5-1.3	0.2-0.6	0.5-0.8
Hill's Prescription Diet w/d Feline Low Fat-Diabetic-Gastrointestinal with Chicken	127/5.5 oz.	3.5	16.6	10.6	39.6	26.4	514.9	745	115	1.70	0.38	0.68
Medi-Cal Weight Control	141	na	18.5	4.5	42.5	na	na	na	na	na	0.80	1.00
Purina Veterinary Diets OM Overweight Management Feline Formula	128/5.5 oz.	3.8	15.5	9.9	46.3	23.4	na	na	na	na	0.41	1.01

Key: ME = metabolizable energy, na = information not available from manufacturer, Fiber = crude fiber, Prot = protein, Carb = digestible carbohydrate, Carn = L-carnitine, Se = selenium, Na = sodium, P = phosphorus, g = grams.

*From manufacturers' published information or calculated from manufacturers' published as-fed values. All values are on a dry matter basis unless otherwise stated.

**Energy density values are listed on an as fed basis and are useful for determining the amount to feed; cup = 8-oz. measuring cup. To convert to kJ, multiply kcal by 4.184.