

Table 27-9. Levels of key nutritional factors in selected commercial foods marketed for the metabolic approach to weight loss in cats compared to recommended levels.* Bolded numbers meet recommended levels.

Dry foods											
	Energy density (kcal/cup)**	Carb (%)	Prot (%)	Fat (%)	Fiber (%)	Carn (ppm)	Vit E (IU/kg)	Vit C (mg/kg)	Se (mg/kg)	Na (%)	P (%)
Recommended levels	-	≤20	≥47 to ≤55	≤25	≥5	≥500	≥500	100-200	0.5-1.3	0.2-0.6	0.5-0.8
Hill's Prescription Diet m/d Feline Weight Loss-Low Carbohydrate-Diabetic	495	14.7	51.5	22.0	5.9	551.1	946	234	0.79	0.40	0.74
Purina Veterinary Diets DM Dietetic Management Formula	592	15.0	57.8	17.9	1.3	18.0	109	na	1.26	0.60	1.52
Moist foods											
	Energy density (kcal/can)**	Carb (%)	Prot (%)	Fat (%)	Fiber (%)	Carn (ppm)	Vit E (IU/kg)	Vit C (mg/kg)	Se (mg/kg)	Na (%)	P (%)
Recommended levels	-	≤20	≥47 to ≤55	≤25	≥5	≥500	≥500	100-200	0.5-1.3	0.2-0.6	0.5-0.8
Hill's Prescription Diet m/d Feline Weight Loss-Low Carbohydrate-Diabetic	156/5.5 oz.	15.7	52.8	19.4	6.0	524.2	810	125	1.77	0.36	0.69
Purina Veterinary Diets DM Dietetic Management Formula	191/5.5 oz.	4.5	53.4	32.9	3.0	na	523	na	na	0.46	1.27

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

*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.