

Table 29-6. Selected commercial fiber-enhanced veterinary therapeutic foods marketed for cats with diabetes mellitus compared to recommended levels of key nutritional factors.*

Dry foods	Energy density (kcal/cup)**	Carbohydrate (%)	Fiber (%)	Fat (%)	Protein*** (%)
Recommended levels	-	<40	7-18	<25	28-55
Hill's Prescription Diet r/d Feline Weight Loss-Low Calorie	263	34.4	14.4	8.9	35.8
Hill's Prescription Diet r/d Feline Weight Loss-Low Calorie with Chicken	266	32.2	13.8	9.8	37.7
Hill's Prescription Diet w/d Feline Low Fat-Diabetic-Gastrointestinal	281	37.4	7.6	9.8	39.0
Hill's Prescription Diet w/d Feline Low Fat-Diabetic-Gastrointestinal with Chicken	278	35.4	7.6	9.9	39.9
Iams Veterinary Formula Weight Control D/Optimum Weight Control	326	41.2	1.5	12.2	38.6
Iams Veterinary Formula Weight Loss/Restricted-Calorie	268	44.5	2.5	11.0	35.2
Purina Veterinary Diets OM Overweight Management	321	22.4	5.6	8.5	56.2
Moist foods	Energy density (kcal/can)**	Carbohydrate (%)	Fiber (%)	Fat (%)	Protein*** (%)
Recommended levels	-	<40	7-18	<25	28-55
Hill's Prescription Diet r/d Feline Weight Loss-Low Calorie with Liver & Chicken	114/5.5 oz.	31.3	15.4	9.2	37.5
Hill's Prescription Diet w/d Feline Low Fat-Diabetic Gastrointestinal with Chicken	127/5.5 oz.	26.4	10.6	16.6	39.6
Iams Veterinary Formula Weight Loss/Restricted-Calorie	172/6 oz.	32.3	1.7	15.5	44.2
Purina Veterinary Diets OM Overweight Management	128/5.5 oz.	23.4	9.9	15.5	46.3

Note: Fresh water should be available at all times; semi-moist foods should be avoided.

*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.

***Cats with renal failure should be fed protein at the low end of the range.