

Table 56-6. Key nutritional factors in selected highly digestible commercial veterinary therapeutic foods marketed for cats with acute gastroenteritis or acute enteritis.*

	Na (%)	Cl (%)	K (%)	Fat (%)	Energy density (Kcal/g)	Fiber (%)	Protein digestibility (%)	Fat digestibility (%)	Carbohydrate digestibility (%)	Ingredient comments
Dry foods										
Recommended levels	0.3-0.5	0.5-1.3	0.8-1.1	15-25	4.0-4.5	≤5	≥87	≥90	≥90	-
Hill's Prescription Diet i/d Feline Digestive Care	0.45	1.04	0.97	20.5	4.2	2.5	93.0	95.0	90.0	-
Iams Veterinary Formula Intestinal Plus Low-Residue	0.23	0.64	0.58	13.7	4.0	1.6	na	na	na	FOS prebiotics
Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets EN GastroENteric	0.64	0.58	0.99	18.4	4.4	1.2	94.0	93.1	79.7	-
Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Gastrointestinal High Energy	0.76	1.07	1.02	23.0	4.2	5.2	na	na	na	FOS prebiotics
Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Gastrointestinal Moderate	0.50	0.70	0.89	13.6	3.9	5.2	na	na	na	FOS prebiotics
Moist foods										
Recommended levels	0.3-0.5	0.5-1.3	0.8-1.1	15-25	4.0-4.5	≤5	≥87	≥90	≥90	-
Hill's Prescription Diet i/d Feline Digestive Care	0.33	1.18	1.06	24.1	4.2	2.4	89.0	na	na	-
Hill's Prescription Diet i/d Feline Digestive Care Chicken & Vegetable Stew	0.49	1.32	0.93	22.1	4.2	3.9	98.0	92.0	84.0	-
Iams Veterinary Formula Intestinal Plus Low-Residue	0.42	0.72	0.95	11.9	4.5	3.7	na	na	na	FOS prebiotic
Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets EN GastroENteric	0.42	0.76	0.97	27.8	4.8	3.1	90.0	89.4	80.9	-
Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Gastrointestinal High Energy in gel	0.70	1.07	1.16	30.2	5.3	1.9	na	na	na	-
Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Gastrointestinal Moderate Calorie Morsels in Gravy	0.71	0.90	1.10	18.1	4.8	6.5	na	na	na	-

Key: Na = sodium, Cl = chloride, K = potassium, fiber = crude fiber, na = information not available from manufacturer, FOS = fructooligosaccharide, MOS = mannanoligosaccharide.
 *Nutrients expressed on a dry matter basis. To convert kcal to kJ, multiply kcal by 4.184.
 **Mixed fiber sources are best in highly digestible foods (see text).

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