

**Table 59-3.** Key nutritional factors in selected commercial veterinary therapeutic foods for cats with short bowel syndrome compared to recommended levels.\*

<b>Dry food</b>	<b>Protein digestibility (%)</b>	<b>Fat digestibility (%)</b>	<b>Carbohydrate digestibility (%)</b>	<b>Fat (%)</b>	<b>Fiber (%)**</b>	<b>Primary sources of fiber**</b>	<b>Lactose free (Yes/No)</b>
<b>Recommended levels</b>	<b>≥87</b>	<b>≥90</b>	<b>≥90</b>	<b>15-25</b>	<b>≤5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Hill's Prescription Diet i/d Feline Digestive Care	93.0	95.0	90.0	20.5	2.5	Beet pulp	Yes
Jams Veterinary Formula Intestinal Plus Low-Residue	na	na	na	13.7	1.6	Beet pulp	Yes
Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets EN GastroENteric Formula	94.0	93.1	79.7	18.4	1.2	Cellulose	Yes
Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Gastrointestinal High Energy	na	na	na	23.0	5.2	Cellulose, beet pulp, psyllium husk	Yes
Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Gastrointestinal Moderate Calorie	na	na	na	13.6	5.2	Cellulose, beet pulp, psyllium husk	Yes
<b>Moist food</b>	<b>Protein digestibility (%)</b>	<b>Fat digestibility (%)</b>	<b>Carbohydrate digestibility (%)</b>	<b>Fat (%)</b>	<b>Fiber (%)**</b>	<b>Primary sources of fiber**</b>	<b>Lactose free (Yes/No)</b>
<b>Recommended levels</b>	<b>≥87</b>	<b>≥90</b>	<b>≥90</b>	<b>15-25</b>	<b>≤5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Hill's Prescription Diet i/d Feline Digestive Care	89.0	na	na	24.1	2.4	Beet pulp, cellulose, guar gum	Yes
Jams Veterinary Formula Intestinal Plus Low-Residue	na	na	na	11.9	3.7	Beet pulp	Yes
Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets EN GastroENteric Formula	90.0	89.4	80.9	27.8	3.1	Guar gum, carrageenan	Yes
Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Gastrointestinal High Energy HE in gel	na	na	na	30.2	1.9	Cellulose, carrageenan	Yes
Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Gastrointestinal Moderate Calorie Morsels in gravy	na	na	na	18.1	6.5	Cellulose, carob bean gum	Yes

Key: Fiber = crude fiber, na = information not available from manufacturer.

\*Manufacturers' published values nutrients expressed as % dry matter dry foods are preferred because they have slower gastric emptying compared to moist foods.

\*\*Foods with soluble or mixed fiber sources are best (see text).