

Table 64-3. Key nutritional factors in selected veterinary therapeutic foods for dogs with constipation and intermittent obstipation compared to recommended levels.*

Moist foods	Crude fiber (%)	Primary sources of fiber**
Recommended levels	≥7	–
Hill's Prescription Diet w/d Canine Digestive/Weight/Glucose Management	12.4	Cellulose
Hill's Prescription Diet w/d Canine Digestive/Weight/Glucose Management Vegetable & Chicken Stew	14.5	Cellulose, guar gum
Iams Veterinary Formula Intestinal Plus Low-Residue Adult	1.0	Beet pulp
Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets OM Overweight Management Formula	18.5	Cellulose, carrageenan, guar gum
Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Diabetic in gel	16.7	Cellulose, carrageenan, guar gum, beet pulp
Dry foods	Crude fiber (%)	Primary sources of fiber**
Recommended levels	≥7	–
Hill's Prescription Diet w/d Canine Digestive/Weight/Glucose Management	16.8	Cellulose, soybean mill run
Iams Veterinary Formula Intestinal Plus Low-Residue Adult	2.4	Beet pulp
Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets DCO Dual Fiber Control	7.2	Beet pulp, pea fiber
Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets OM Overweight Management	11.5	Soybean hulls, pea fiber, cellulose
Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Diabetic	8.9	Cellulose, beet pulp, psyllium seed husk
Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Gastrointestinal Fiber Response	12.1	Cellulose, beet pulp, psyllium seed husk

*Moist foods are best. Manufacturers' published values. Values expressed on a dry matter basis.

**Fiber sources should be insoluble or mixed. Increased levels of soluble fiber are not recommended (see text).