

Table 64-5. Key nutritional factors in selected veterinary therapeutic foods for cats with chronic obstipation (megacolon) compared to recommended levels.*

Moist foods	Crude fiber (%)	Protein digestibility (%)	Fat digestibility (%)	Carbohydrate digestibility (%)	Energy density (kcal/g)**
Recommended levels	≤5	≥87	≥90	≥90	≥4
Hill's Prescription Diet a/d Canine/Feline Urgent Care	1.3	90.0	89.0	96.0	4.8
Hill's Prescription Diet i/d Feline Digestive Care	2.4	89.0	na	na	4.2
Hill's Prescription Diet i/d Feline Digestive Care Chicken & Vegetable Stew	3.9	98.0	92.0	84.0	4.2
Iams Veterinary Formula Intestinal Plus Low-Residue	3.7	na	na	na	4.5
Iams Veterinary Formula Maximum-Calorie Plus	2.7	na	na	na	5.8
Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets EN GastroEnteric Formula	2.7	90.0	89.4	80.9	4.8
Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Recovery RS	7.3	na	na	na	5.1
Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Gastrointestinal High Energy HE in gel	1.9	na	na	na	5.3
Dry foods	Crude fiber (%)	Protein digestibility (%)	Fat digestibility (%)	Carbohydrate digestibility (%)	Energy density (kcal/g)**
Recommended levels	≤5	≥87	≥90	≥90	≥4
Hill's Prescription Diet i/d Feline Digestive Care	2.5	93.0	95.0	90.0	4.2
Iams Veterinary Formula Intestinal Plus Low-Residue	1.6	na	na	na	4.0
Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets EN GastroEnteric Formula	1.2	94.2	93.9	82.4	4.4
Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Gastrointestinal High Energy	5.2	na	na	na	4.2

Key: na = information not available from manufacturer.

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

**To convert to kJ, multiply kcal by 4.184.