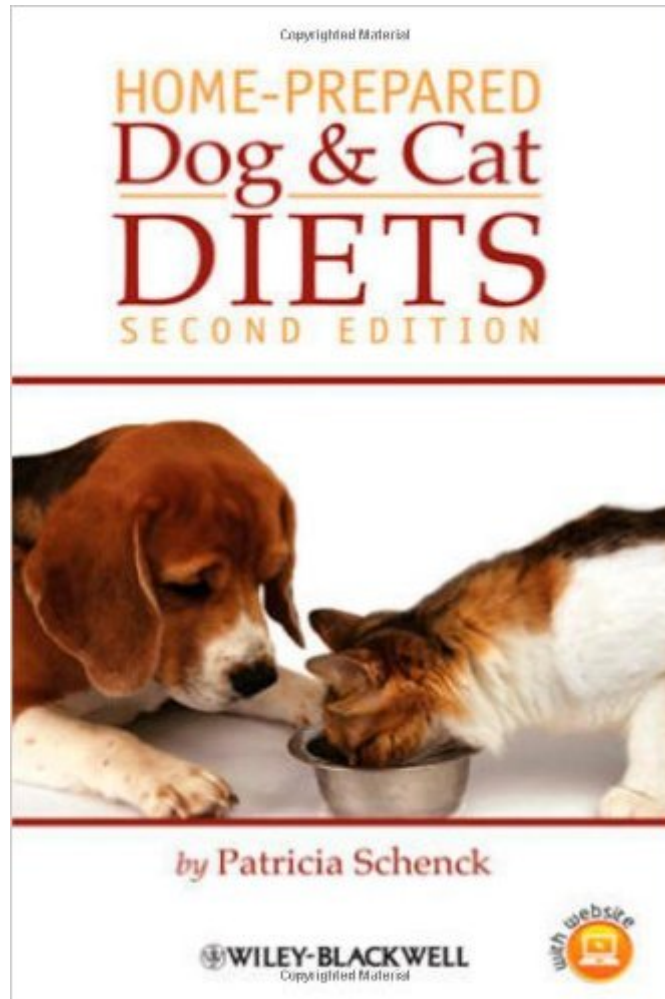


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# Home-Prepared Dog And Cat Diets, Second Edition



## Synopsis

Home-Prepared Dog and Cat Diets, Second Edition provides an introduction to nutrition of the healthy dog and cat and an extensive discussion of medical disorders that can be managed in part through diet. Presenting easy-to-follow recipes that can be prepared at home, this new edition of Donald Strombeck's classic handbook has been completely rewritten by new author Patricia A. Schenck to reflect the latest nutritional recommendations based on current research. New chapter topics include feeding the puppy and kitten; feeding the pregnant or lactating dog or cat; feeding the senior pet; feeding the performance dog; and the role of diet in pets with cancer. Diets are now listed together in a cookbook style for ease of use, and recipes are adjustable for any size dog or cat, allowing exact nutritional values to be calculated. Nutrient content for protein, fat, carbohydrate, and fiber have been provided for every diet, along with the nutrient density. A companion website features downloadable spreadsheets with complete nutritional breakdowns for each recipe. Useful for both veterinarians and pet owners alike, Home-Prepared Dog and Cat Diets, Second Edition is a unique handbook written by an expert in the field providing an introduction to the nutritional management of dogs and cats with easy-to-use recipes for home-prepared diets.

Clarification: Calcium Carbonate We've had some questions from readers regarding the use of the term "calcium carbonate," which is listed as an ingredient in a number of the diets found in this book, and therefore wanted to clarify what is meant by this ingredient. Baking soda comes in two forms: sodium bicarbonate and calcium carbonate. The sodium bicarbonate version is widely available as "baking soda" and is commonly used in baking, but none of the recipes in this book use it as an ingredient. The calcium carbonate version of baking soda is sometimes sold as "baking soda substitute" and sometimes referred to as simply "baking soda." To avoid confusing sodium bicarbonate and calcium carbonate, any time the calcium carbonate type of baking soda has been used in a diet in this book, the ingredient includes the specific term "calcium carbonate." There are several manufacturers of calcium carbonate baking soda; for example, carries the Ener-G Foods product baking soda substitute. Calcium carbonate can also be sold for garden use, which is non-food-grade, so to avoid the use of the garden product in foods, the term "baking soda" was used in this book instead to indicate that readers should be sure to select a food-appropriate ingredient.

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## Customer Reviews

A DANGEROUS error appears, several times, in "Home Prepared Dog & Cat Diets (Second Edition)." The error is alarming enough to cast doubt on the book's entire contents and credibility. I have a copy of the book in front of me as I'm writing this review, so I'm not mistaken. In Chapter One, on page 8, under the subtitle, "Assessing a Homemade Diet Recipe," author Patricia Schenck discusses what a homemade diet recipe should include. After mentioning carbohydrates, proteins, fat, calcium and calcium/phosphorus supplements; Schenck claims, "Calcium carbonate (baking soda) or bone meal (source of calcium and phosphorus) should also be present." Calcium carbonate IS NOT baking soda. Yet Schenck claims it is, on page 8 and throughout the book. Calcium carbonate (CaCO<sub>3</sub>) is often used as a dietary calcium supplement. Baking soda is sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO<sub>3</sub>). Baking soda IS NOT useful as a calcium supplement. It's often used as a leavening agent in baking. Calcium carbonate and sodium bicarbonate are chemically different and will affect a dog's body differently when ingested. Many of the recipes for dog and cat diets in "Home-Prepared Dog & Cat Diets (Second Edition)" use baking soda as an ingredient (For example, dog diet recipes on pages 416, 417, 424, and 425; and cat diets on pages 473, 498, 499 and 504). Each time "baking soda" appears in the ingredient list it's defined in parentheses as, "calcium carbonate." Schenck did not just make a one-time flub in Chapter One. The author mistakenly defines baking soda as calcium carbonate throughout the book. Schenck includes baking soda in dog and cat diet recipes specifically formulated for animals with renal disease, each time indicating the baking soda is, "calcium carbonate."

UPDATE: 2015: One of my dogs fell ill some time ago and we could not get her well. Turns out she

has bladder cancer and has probably had it for some time. For the past year, I have been feeding her homemade food, following the guidelines that are detailed in this book for cancer and this dog has amazed me! We decided against chemo, since the chemo drugs made her so sick and miserable. We have managed her cancer with Piroxicam, diet, and certain supplements to boost her immune system. She is actually stronger now than she was a year ago. I don't know how long we will be blessed with this good health and energy, but I am very grateful. I think the homemade cancer diet is a major factor in her well-being and highly recommend this book for anyone who is willing and able to make their own food. Not only has it proven to be the best thing I've ever done for my healthy dogs in general but it is a lifesaver for this cancer dog. ORIGINAL REVIEW: This, along with the first edition of this book (That one authored by Strombeck) is the only cookbook that I trust to give my pets proper nutrition on a homemade diet. Homefeeding is a big fad right now. There are a lot of books on the subject along with a ton of advice on the internet. Most of it is not accurate. A study by UC Davis recently showed that when analyzed, most of the homemade diets were either lacking, or were overdosing. These recipes were developed and analyzed at a university and so they are the only ones I trust for long-term use. I've had excellent results with this program. I have performance dogs and so I have to get it right. I need a food that will keep them in top form, maintain weight, muscle and good health.

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