



## cRc Passover Foods for Your Pets

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The following is a list of pet foods approved for **Passover 2008**. Make sure to check all labels. There should be no chometz such as wheat, wheat starch, wheat gluten, barley, oats, oat fiber, pasta, or rye listed. A product listing both meat and dairy ingredients may not be used any time during the year. Feed available at zoos is often chometz and should not be purchased or fed to the animals on Pesach. After Pesach, pet food with chometz may be purchased only from stores which are non-Jewish owned (e.g. PetSmart, Petco) or Jewish owned but have sold their chometz. One may feed his pet any of the following items:

### CATS

**Evanger's** (Some of the following Evanger's products may have "Brewers Dried Yeast" listed on the ingredient panel. These products should not be used on Passover even when [incorrectly] bearing "Kosher for Passover" on the label):

Beef & Liver Dinner, Chicken Dinner, Chicken Liver & Tuna, Seafood Dinner;

**Friskies:** (canned) Special Diet Ocean White Fish Dinner, Special Diet Beef & Chicken Entrée, Special Diet Turkey & Giblets, Special Diet with Salmon, Special Diet Beef & Liver Entrée, Senior Pacific Salmon in Sauce, Turkey & Giblets Dinner;

**Prescription Diet:** a/d, c/d (dry only), d/d, g/d (dry only), i/d, k/d (dry only), m/d (canned only), p/d, r/d (dry only), s/d, t/d, w/d (dry only), x/d (dry only), z/d.

**Science Diet:** (dry) Advanced Protection Adult, Advanced Protection Senior 7+, Advanced Protection Mature Adult 7+ Original, Adult Chicken & Rice Recipe, Adult Lamb & Rice Recipe, Adult Ocean Fish & Rice Recipe, Adult Original, Hairball Control Adult, Hairball Control Light Adult, Hairball Control Senior 7+, Kitten Original, Light Adult, Oral Care Adult, Senior 7+ Original, Mature Adult 7+ Original, Sensitive Skin Adult. **Science Diet canned cat food has been reformulated and contains Chometz, except for Mixit.**

### DOGS

**Evanger's**(Some of the following Evanger's products may have "Brewers Dried Yeast" listed on the ingredient panel. These products should not be used on Passover even when [incorrectly] bearing "Kosher for Passover" on the label):

100% Beef, All Natural Puppy Food, Beef & Beef By-Products, Beef Chinks Dinner, Beef with Chicken, Beef Chicken & Liver, Beef with Liver, Chicken & Rice Dinner, Chopped Beef Dinner, Chopped Turkey Dinner, Cooked Chicken, Lamb & Rice Dinner, Senior Dinner, Turkey Chunk Stew;

**Mighty Dog:** (canned) Chicken Eggs & Bacon, Gourmet Dinner, Senior Beef & Rice Dinner, Senior Chicken & Rice Dinner, Senior Turkey & Rice Dinner, Turkey & Bacon.

**Iams:** (canned) Adult Beef & Rice, Adult Chicken & Rice, Adult Lamb & Rice, Adult Liver & Chicken, Adult Turkey & Rice.

**Prescription Diet:** a/d, c/d, d/d g/d, h/d, i/d, i/d (dry only), k/d, n/d, r/d, s/d, t/d, u/d. w/d (dry only), z/d Low Allergen.

**Science Diet:** (dry) Active Adult, Adult Beef & Rice Recipe, Adult Chicken & Rice Recipe, Adult Large Breed, Light Adult, Light Adult Large Breed, Light Adult Small Bites, Oral Care Adult, Puppy Original, Puppy Small Bites, Puppy Large Breed, Senior 5+ Large Breed, Senior 7+ Original, Senior 7+ Small Bites, Sensitive Skin Adult, Treats Adult Large Bone with Real Chicken, Treats Adult Medium Bone with Real Chicken,



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Treats Puppy Medium Bone with Real Chicken; (canned) Active Adult Original Recipe, Light Adult, Mixit.

### **FISH**

Fish food and Vacation blocks often have chometz. Goldfish and Tropical fish can have tubular worms, frozen brine shrimp, freeze dried worms (if they do not contain fillers). Mixes sold in stores often contain chometz. It is advisable to mix regular and Pesach food together one to two weeks before Pesach before switching completely to Pesach food. The ratio of regular and Pesach food should be changed slowly to get the animal used to the new diet. Check with your veterinarian before changing diet.

### **BIRDS (PARROTS, PARAKEETS, COCKATIELS, MACAWS)**

Millet, sorghum, wild bird food (check for chometz ingredients) as main diet.

- Peanuts, sunflower seeds, safflower seeds can be given.
- Larger birds such as parrots can eat pure alfalfa pellets (make sure it is pure alfalfa since it is common to add grains) or dry dog food (see above for list).
- Smaller birds can also have pure alfalfa pellets, crush before feeding.
- Can supplement with sliced grapes, cottage cheese, rice cakes (birds like these), small pieces of lean meat, matzo, berries, eggs, canned baby fruits. All large food should be shredded before serving. These items should be given sparingly.
- For minerals, can have oyster shells (calcium) or mineral block such as Kaytee Tropical Fruit Mineral Block Treat.
- The greater the variety, the better.

### **HAMSTERS, GUINEA PIGS, GERBILS & RABBITS**

- Best to feed pure alfalfa pellets. Make sure it is pure alfalfa since it is common to add grains. Dried alfalfa may also be given.
- Can supplement with mixture of cut-up fruits and vegetables - carrots, broccoli, grapes, apples, melon, kale, parsley, oranges, celery, dry corn, sunflower seeds, cabbage. Can also give some matzo. If not accustomed to these items, give sparingly.
- Guinea pigs especially will benefit from kale, parsley and oranges.
- Hamsters especially will benefit from apples.
- Guinea pigs need vitamin C added to diet.

*The cRc would like to thank the Star-K for researching the pet food information in this section.*

