Safety Tip

Some food products may contain harmful bacteria that can cause illness in you or your pet if the product is not handled correctly. Protect yourself and your pet by following these steps to keeping food safe:

1. **Clean:** Wash hands before and after working with food, and especially after handling raw foods. Wash cutting boards, countertops and utensils with soap and hot water after they have come in contact with raw meat, poultry, fish, seafood, or eggs.

2. **Separate:** Keep raw foods away from foods that are ready to eat.

3. **Cook:** Cook foods thoroughly. Reaching 165°F as measured with a food thermometer will eliminate bacteria.

4. **Chill:** Keep meats, poultry, fish, seafood, and eggs refrigerated at 40°F or colder. Thaw frozen meats and other ingredients in the refrigerator.

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### For more information:

**U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

www.fda.gov

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**

www.usda.gov

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

www.cdc.gov

**Association of American Feed Control Officials**

www.aafco.org

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### Additional Information:

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Requirements for Distributing Pet Food & Treats in Georgia

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Georgia Feed Laws and Rules and Regulations

“Commercial feed” means all materials except whole, unmixed seed, when not adulterated within the meaning of Code Section 2-13-10, which are distributed for use as feed or for mixing in feed, provided that the Commissioner, by regulation, may exempt from this definition or from specific provisions of this chapter commodities such as hay, straw, stover, silage, cobs, husks, hulls, raw meat, and individual chemical compounds or substances when such materials are not intermixed or mixed with other materials and are not adulterated within the meaning of Code Section 2-13-10.

“Pet food” means any commercial feed prepared or distributed for consumption by dogs or cats.

Label Requirements

The product name and the net content must be shown on the principal display panel.

The words “Dog Food”, “Cat Food”, “Dog Treat” or similar designations must appear conspicuously on the principal display panel.

The information which is required to appear in the “Guaranteed Analysis” shall be listed in the following order:

- Crude Protein (Min)
- Crude Fat (Min)
- Crude Fiber (Max)
- Moisture (Min)

Each ingredient of the pet food/treat shall be listed in the ingredient statement by predominance by weight.

Instructions for feeding must be included.

The name and address of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor of the pet food must be specified.

Pet Treat Label Example

ABC

Cheese Flavored Dog Treats

Guaranteed Analysis

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Crude Protein</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Crude Fat</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Crude Fiber</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Moisture</td>
<td>0%</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Ingredients

Wheat flour, cheddar cheese, eggs, milk, vegetable oil

For supplemental feeding only

Made by
ABC Company
123 Main Street
Anywhere, GA 11111

Net Weight: 4 oz.