

YUMMY NORTHWEST

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TREAT YOUR PET RIGHT

What does your pet like to eat? There are lots of treats on the market, but look carefully at their labels. Do you want your widdle darling to eat *that*?

Locally made products tend to be all natural, and if you make your own treats, you can put exactly what you want in them.

No one animal will like everything – and if you have a cat, you know he or she won't like the same thing from day to day. Read on to see what **Yummy** taste testers thought about randomly selected treats.

The results are in! What's tasty and what's not!

Is that tail still wagging?

The canine participants definitely showed the most enthusiasm. It has been said that a dog will eat anything, but that's not quite true, as our test taste revealed.

The Alaskan Trail Treats were a big hit for all canine tasters. These natural salmon morsels contain bones and all, and might need to be broken down for small mouths.

Otis liked the Wet Noses pumpkin-flavored treats, but Buster turned up his nose at these and the similarly spicy Blue Dog Bakery peanut butter and molasses treats. As for the latter, Ki made sure nobody took his! Ki's owner gives him few treats ("the occasional scoop of yogurt or cottage cheese"), so it wasn't surprising to find him enjoying everything offered.

Rose's owner noted her overall enthusiasm: "Gobbled one, inhaled the next, gulped another, looked for more. (Gooddoggooddoggooddog!)"

The products

Key: One paw means somebody liked it; the more paws, the more who liked it.

Alaska Trail Treats
Dried natural salmon for dogs and cats

www.AlaskaWildSalmonCompany.com



Beggar Dog Biscuits
Heart-shaped biscuits

Portland, Ore.
 www.beggardogbiscuits.com



Blue Dog Bakery
Shaped like animals that dogs love to bite

Seattle, Wash.
 www.BlueDogBakery.com



Jardin du Soleil
Lavender and catnip
 (not shown on Web site, so ask for this product)
 Sequim, Wash.

www.jardindusoleil.com



Wet Noses
Small rounds that come in several flavors

Snohomish, Wash.
 www.wet-noses.com



Wildside Salmon
Dried processed salmon for cats

Seattle, Wash.
 www.wildsidesalmon.com



Was that one meow or two?

You hear about fussy felines, you might even know one – but our test panel proved they exist.

Lavender catnip has an especially nice smell. Whether the testers noticed this is debatable; they just rolled in it. "Mittens and KC are still reeling," reports their owner. Moz, Claire and Fifi wanted to like the Alaskan Trail Treats but found them too dry. Other tasters ate them enthusiastically. Wildside salmon is more processed and was gone before anyone could blink. Although KC, Murray and Mittens were "pleasantly surprised" by the homemade Dreamy Cheesers, most tasters ignored them altogether. They make nice salad croutons, however.

Make Your Own

Create exactly what your pet craves. Recipes tend to be easy, and the only additive is your love. Here are some cookbooks to begin with.

Easy-to-make Cat Treat Recipes
 by Diane Millward; tested by MacBoots

Easy-to-make Dog Biscuit Recipes
 by Diane Millward

The Kitty Treats Cookbook
 by Michele Bledsoe

Dreamy Cheesers



If your cat won't eat these, treat yourself – yum!

Combine 3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese, 5 tablespoons parmesan cheese and 1/4 cup yogurt or sour cream (or more to form dough). Mix in 1/4 cup cornmeal and 3/4 cup flour. Knead into a ball.

Roll out dough 1/4-inch thick and cut into 1/4-inch squares – this cookbook comes with a handy cutter to speed the process. Put on lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes. Store in the refrigerator or freezer.

Makes about 500 small treats.

From "Easy-to-make Cat Treat Recipes," by Diane Millward

