



## Over the Counter

### Puppy Foods

#### **AAFCO Statement – A MUST HAVE!**

The "AAFCO statement of nutritional adequacy or purpose" also called a "nutritional claim" is a statement that indicates the food is complete and balanced for a particular life stage, such as growth, reproduction, adult maintenance, or a combination of these. If the food does not meet the criteria for complete and balanced requirements then it is intended for intermittent or supplemental feeding only.

Complete and balanced requirement can be met one of three ways:

- 1.) *Formulation* - pet food has been formulated to contain the nutrient levels a pet needs for the specific AAFCO life stage profile
  - 2.) *Feeding Trial* - pet food undergoes a feeding trial using AAFCO protocols that mandate duration and diagnostic testing to determine if food has the nutrient levels a pet needs for the AAFCO life stage profile
  - 3.) *Product Family Establishment* - pet food is deemed nutritionally similar to lead product that passed feeding trial (combination of formulation/feeding trial)
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- Hill's Science Diet Puppy Healthy Development
- Royal Canin Puppy
- Iams ProActive Health Smart Puppy Original

\*\*\*\*\* Large breed varieties are made of all the above brands