

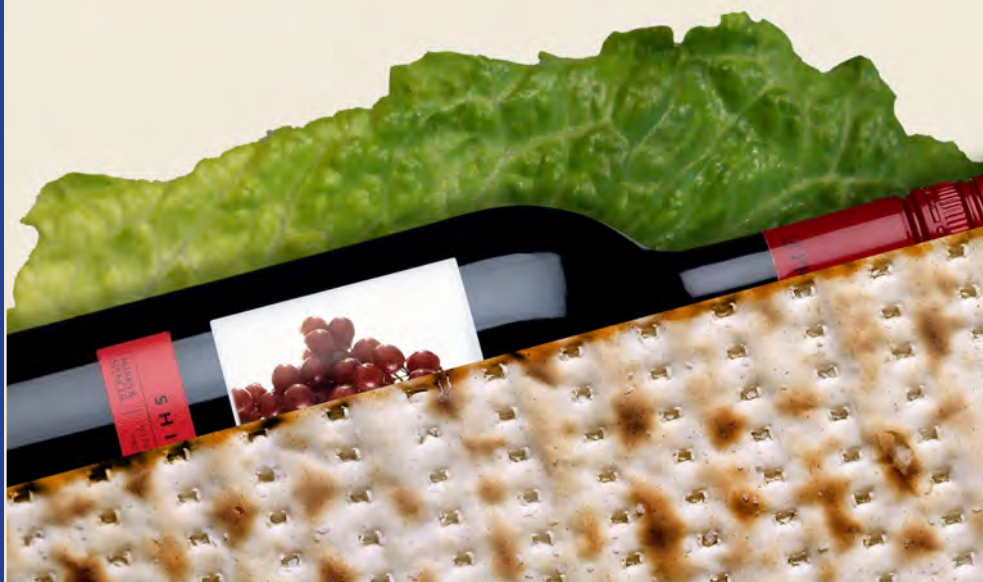


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One of the many challenges of Pesach is finding Halachically permissible pet food. There are two separate Kashrus issues about which one should be aware. One is related specifically to Pesach, and the other related to the rest of the year as well. The year round problem concerns the mixing of milk and meat. It says three times in the Torah "Lo Sevashel Gedee Bachalev Imo". Literally, this is a prohibition against cooking milk and meat together. However, from the fact that the Torah states this three times, and uses the term Gedee (kid), the Gemorah (Talmud) in Chulin (113A 115B) explains this to mean that milk from any Kosher species and meat from any Kosher species (i.e. beef mixed with cow's milk or goat's milk etc.) are forbidden to: a) be cooked together, b) be eaten together, c) derive benefit or pleasure from them. These prohibitions (from the Torah) do not apply to poultry or venison. In order to avoid confusion, the Rabanan (Rabbis) extended the prohibition of eating milk and meat together to include poultry and venison. However, deriving benefit from poultry mixed with milk was not included in this decree. Therefore, chicken with whey, milk or cheese is permissible in pet food.

Commonly, dog and cat foods contain milk and meat mixtures, and therefore, are forbidden to Jewish pet owners all year round. There is an additional problem for a Jew who is a pet owner during Pesach. The basis for this problem is that Chometz carries with it three "Isurim" (prohibitions) a) Hanaah (benefit), b) Ownership, c) Baal Yimatze (it must be completely removed from a person's premises). A person who owns a pet is obligated to feed it in a timely manner, and due to the prohibition of deriving any pleasure or benefit from Chometz, we are not permitted to use or own pet food containing any type of Chometz on Pesach. Therefore, it is important to be aware of the prevalent use of the five grains: **wheat (germ, cracked, flour, gluten, ground, grouts, middlings, starch), rye, barley (cracked flour), oats (flour, grouts, hulled) & spelt** in dog and cat foods today. Other Chometz ingredients are **Brewer's Yeast, Gluten, Malt, Pasta, Starch and Xanthan Gum**. Almost all dry pet foods list wheat or oats as their first ingredient. This is true for fish food and bird foods as well.

Note: Only clay or wood-based Kitty Litter may be used on Pesach, as others may contain Chometz.

Additional Animal-Related Concern: Often the products that one may purchase at a local zoo to feed the animals contain Chometz and should not be purchased or fed to the animals on Pesach.

CAT FOOD

Blue Freedom Grain Free (canned): Chicken for

Kittens, Chicken for Cats, Fish, Flaked Chicken in Tasty Gravy, Chicken for Mature Cats.

Evanger's: When bearing cRc Passover approval.

Friskies (canned): Pate Chicken and Tuna Dinner, Pate Classic Seafood Entrée, Pate Turkey and Giblets, Pate Country Style Dinner, Pate Mariners Catch, Pate Salmon Dinner

Kirkland: (Costco) (dry): Healthy Weight Indoor Adult, Maintenance Chicken & Rice, Natures Domain Salmon Meal & Sweet Potato.

Kosher Paws - Turkey & Chicken Cat Food (No Kitniyos or Gebrochts - O/UP)

Merrick Grain Free Limited Ingredient Diet (canned): Real Chicken, Real Duck, Real Salmon, Real Turkey, Real Tuna.

Merrick Purrfect Bistro Grain-Free (dry): Adult (Healthy Weight, Real Chicken and Sweet Potato), Healthy Senior, Healthy Kitten

Merrick Purrfect Bistro Grain-Free

(canned): Chicken Casserole Morsels, Chicken Divan, Morsels Salmon Pate, Tuna Pate.

Prescription Diet: a/d, d/d except duck, m/d canned only, r/d, s/d, t/d, z/d.

Wellness Core Grain Free (dry): Adult, Indoor, Kitten, Original

Wellness Core Grain-Free Classic Pate (canned): Indoor, Kitten, Whitefish & Salmon & Herring.

DOG FOOD

Alpo Chop House (canned): Filet mignon and Bacon Flavors cooked in Savory Juices, Prime Rib Flavor cooked in Savory Juices, Roasted Chicken and Top Sirloin Flavors cooked in Savory Juices, T-Bone Steak and Ribeye flavors cooked in Savory Juices.

Blue Freedom Grain Free (canned): Duck & Chicken Grill, Salmon & Chicken Grill, Beef & Chicken Grill.

Blue Wilderness Grain Free (canned): Duck & chicken grill, salmon & chicken grill, turkey & chicken grill.

Evangers: When bearing cRc Passover approval.

Kirkland (Costco) Nature's Domain (dry): Salmon Meal and Sweet Potato, Turkey Meal and Sweet Potato.

Kosher Paws - Turkey and Chicken Dog Food (No Kitniyos or Gebrochts - O/UP)

Mighty Dog: (canned - no gravy): Chicken Egg & Bacon Country Platter, Chicken & Smoked Bacon Combo, Hearty Beef Dinner, with Lamb and Rice.

Wellness Core Grain Free (dry): Ocean, Original, Reduced Fat, Small Breed.

Wellness Core Grain Free (canned): Beef & Venison & Lamb, Puppy, Turkey & Chicken Liver & Turkey Liver, Whitefish & Salmon & Herring

Wellness Core Grain Free Ninety Five Percent (canned): Beef with Carrots, Chicken with Broccoli, Turkey with Spinach.

FISH FOOD

Fish food and vacation blocks often contain chometz. The following are acceptable fish food for Pesach:

Zoo Med Laboratories Giant Plankton Banquet Block Feeder and Tetra Tropical Slow Release Gel Feeders (Tetra Weekend 5 days and Tetra Vacation 14 days). Goldfish and tropical fish can be fed the following (provided they do not contain fillers): **Tubular worms, frozen brine shrimp and freeze dried worms.**

GECKO

Repashy Crested Gecko Meal Replacement Powder.

BIRDS

(Parrots, Parakeets, Cocktiels, Canaries and Macaws)

Millet, canary grass seed and sorghum as main diet.

Peanuts, sunflower seeds and safflower seeds

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 approved dog food.

Smaller birds can also have pure alfalfa pellets, crush before feeding

Can supplement with cottage cheese, rice cakes (birds like these), small pieces of lean meat, matzah, berries, eggs, canned baby fruits. All large food should be shredded before serving. And these items should be given sparingly.

For minerals, can only have oyster shells (calcium) or mineral block.

HAMSTERS, GUINEA PIGS, GERBILS & RABBITS

It is best to feed pure alfalfa pellets to these animals. Make sure the pellets are pure alfalfa since it is common to add grains. Dried alfalfa may also be given.

One can also supplement with mixture of cut-up fruits and vegetables such as: carrots, broccoli, apples, melon, kale, parsley, oranges, celery, dry corn, sunflower seeds and cabbage. One can also give Matzah. If the animal is not used to eating any of these items, give sparingly.

Guinea pigs, rabbits & chinchillas especially will benefit from greens, oranges, Timothy hay, grapes, apples and melons. Guinea pigs will particularly benefit from kale, parsley and oranges.

Hamsters especially will benefit from apples.

Guinea pigs will especially benefit from kale, parsley and oranges as well as vitamin C added to their diet.

Mice and rats will eat sunflower seeds, greens, vegetables and potatoes.

MORE PET FOOD INFORMATION

Mixes sold in stores often contain chometz. It is advisable for pet owners to slowly wean their pets off their regular chometz pet food diet. This is best accomplished by mixing regular and Pesach food between one and 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 vet before changing your pet's diet. Also, pure **Timothy Hay** is NOT chometz and may be used.

Note: One may shop at **Petco** and **Petsmart** stores immediately after Pesach.

THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS ARE NOT CERTIFIED KOSHER FOR PASSOVER BY THE O/U,

nonetheless, the O/U has identified these products as halachically acceptable for infants and the ill. these products must bear an O/U or O/UD symbol:

BABY FOOD:

Carrots, Squash, Green Beans (Kitniyos), Peas (Kitniyos)

INFANT FORMULAS

365 Everyday Value
Ameribella
America's Choice for Baby
Babies R Us
Baby Basics
Baby's Choice
Bear Essentials
Belacta (regular and premium)
Belactasure
Berkeley & Jensen
Bright Beginnings
Cottontails
CVS
Daily Source
Discount Drug Mart
Earth's Best
Elecare
Enfacare
Enfagrow
Enfagrow Neuropro, Premium and Toddler Transitions
Gentlease
Enfalac
Enfamil (A.R., Enspire, Neuropro, Enfacare, Premature High Protein 24 Cal Per f. ox., Prosobee, Reguline)
Enfaport
Enfapro
Food Lion
Full Circle
Fulton St. Market
Gerber Good Start
Giant
Giant
Giant Eagle Baby
Hannaford
H-E-B
Heinz Nurture
Home 360 Baby Hy-Vee
Isomil
Kirkland Signature
Kuddles
Laura Lynn

Life Brand
Little Ones
Meijer Baby Member's Mark
Mom to Mom
Moo Moo Buckaroo
Mother's Choice
My Organic Baby
Nature's Place
Nestle Good Start
Next Step
Nutraenfant
O Organic Baby
Parent's Choice
Premier Value
President's Choice
Price Chopper
Puramino
Publix
Rite Aid - Tugaboos
Shopko
Similac (Regular, Advance Plus, Comfort, Gold w/HMO, Lemehadrin
Neosure, Spit Up/AR, RTF, Special Care RTF)
Simply Right
Stop & Shop
Sunrise
Supervalu
Target
Tippy Toes By Topcare
Top Care
Topco
Up & Up
Vermont Organics
Walgreens
Wegmans
Well Beginnings
Western Family

MEDICAL NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS

Abound
Arginaid (plain and extra)
Benecalorie
Beneprotein
Boost (Plus, Glucose Control, High Protein and Nutritional Pudding)
Diabetishield
Diabetisource AC
Enfamil Human Milk Fortifier Powder
Enlive
Ensure (Compact, Complete Nutrition Shake, Healthy Mom Shake, High Calcium Shake, High Protein Shake, HN, Homemade Shake, Plus, Plus HN, Plus Advance, Next

Generation, Shake and Twocal)
Fibersource HN
Glucerna 1.0, 1.2 and 1.5
Isosource (plain and HN with Fiber)
Jevity 1.0, 1.2, and 1.5
Nepro (HP, LP, Vanilla, With Carb Steady Flavored)
Novasource Renal Nutren (Product Line)
Osmolite (1.0, 1.2, 1.5, HN Unflavored)
Perative
Portagen
Promote (except with Fiber)
Pulmocare
Resource Diabetic (Nestle Nutrition), Thicken up Nestle Nutrition, Thickened Water and Juice Products Nestle Nutrition)
Thick & Easy - Food and Beverage Thickener Hormel and thickened Water and Juice Products Hormel
Thick-It - Original Food & Beverage Thickener and Clear Advantage Food & Beverage Thickener
Vital
Vivonex Pediatric, Plus and Ten
MILK SUBSTITUTES (Only in Shelf Stable, Non-Refrigerated Containers)
Almond Breeze Original
Rice Dream Classic Original
Soy Dream Original Enriched
PEDIATRIC SUPPLEMENTS:
Boost Kid Essentials 1.0 and 1.5
Boost Kid Essentials with Fiber D-Vi-Sol
Enfamil 5% Glucose Water
Fer-In- Sol Drops
Poly-Vi-Sol Drops
Tri-Vi-Sol Drops
Resource Just for Kids with Fiber
Pediasure Compleasure, RpB, Peptide, Vanilla Powder and Shakes
PEDIATRIC ELECTROLYTES:
Bright Beginnings
Comforts For Baby
Cottontails
Cvs Pharmacy
Enfamil Electrolyte Oral Electrolyte Solution
Goodness
H-E-B Baby
Home 360 Baby
Meijer

Mom To Mom

Naturalyte

Shoprite

Parent's Choice

Pedialyte (all flavors)

Top Care

Vivonex Ten

Walgreen's

Western Family

PRENATAL VITAMINS

Maxi Health (only with Chometz-
free sticker)