

Pesach with Pets

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One of the challenges we face on Pesach is finding pet food which is Halachically acceptable. One issue pertains to Pesach itself, ensuring that the product does not contain any Chametz. The other issue pertains to the rest of the year, where food may be comprised of milk and meat together. The Torah states three times "One may not cook a goat in its mother's milk". From this we derive that it is forbidden to cook milk and meat together, to eat milk and meat together or to have benefited from milk and meat together.

Purchasing pet food on Pesach can be tricky and one cannot always rely on food ingredient panels. Look out for wheat, cracked flour, germs, gluten, grouts, middlings, starch, barley, oats, pasta rye and brewers dried yeast. Should you not know the meaning of a certain ingredient, do not hesitate to contact your Rabbinic Authority. Dog and Cat food generally contain gravy or sauce which is Chametz. Kitniyot, legumes such as rice and beans may be given to animals even though these ingredients are not eaten by Ashkenazi Jews.

The following is a list of commonly found items on pet food ingredient panels **which are allowed** on Pesach.

- ➔ Beans
- ➔ Peas
- ➔ Buckwheat
- ➔ Rice
- ➔ Brewers rice
- ➔ Safflower
- ➔ Corn
- ➔ Grain sorghum
- ➔ Sesame
- ➔ Lentils
- ➔ Soybeans
- ➔ Millet
- ➔ Soyflower
- ➔ Peanuts
- ➔ Sunflower

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Other ingredients such as Barley grass, BHA, BHT, carrageenan, cellulose, colours, eggs, Gums, kelp, lactose, linseed, milk products, molasses, oil, psyllium and whey do not pose an issue in pet food.

It is forbidden to leave a pet with a non-Jew during Pesach if one knows that the non-Jew will feed the pet Chametz. Since there are many pet foods that do not contain Chametz, one should not leave his pet at a kennel unless the kennel will supply the pet with non-Chametz food or the owner of the pet has stipulated which non-Chametz food the kennel may serve.

Where it necessitates, one may sell his animal to a non-Jew who will then take the pet into his own property and take care of it accordingly, as well as feed the pet whatever he chooses. This process should be done under the guidance of a Halachic authority.

Passover pet food

the following pet foods have been reviewed and do not contain chametz.



BIRD FOOD

Spray Millet For Birds
Alfalfa Hay and Cubes



FISH FOOD

Tetra Vacation –
Tropical Slow Release Feeder



CAT FOOD

Friskies Salmon Dinner
Friskies Chef's Dinner
Friskies Seafood Supreme
Friskies Chicken Dinner
Fhiskas Chicken & Liver Dinner



DOG FOOD

Pedigree Meaty Loaf
Cesar with Beef
Cesar Filet Mignon Flavor
Cesar with Turkey
Cesar with Duck
Cesar with Lamb



Guidelines for Medicines on Pesach

1 CREAMS AND INJECTIONS may be owned and used on Pesach even if they contain chametz or kitniyot, since they are inedible.

2 FOR PRESCRIPTION NON-CHEWABLE MEDICATION one should consult their local Rabbi to find out if it is permissible to take on Pesach. Our office has a list of all medication that contain chametz or kitniyot.

3 LIQUID MEDICINES, CHEWABLE PILLS AND PILLS COATED WITH A FLAVOURED GLAZE

are edible and may contain chametz and/or kitniyot. Therefore:

A If possible, they should be replaced - under the direction of a doctor - with a pill that is okay to take on Pesach.

B If substitution is not possible and the person is in a state of sakanah or safek sakanah (any possible danger to human life), they may own and consume the medication. The same applies if the

condition is not yet a safek sakanah but may deteriorate to that point and there may be any delay in getting the medicine on Pesach. (A Rabbi should be consulted regarding this matter and whether it is preferable to purchase the medicine before or on Pesach. They should also check with the Rabbi as to how they should dispose of the medicine once the danger passes).

C If substitution is not possible and a doctor determines that there is no potential sakanah if the person doesn't take the medicine, a Rabbi should be consulted. He may be able to determine that the medicine does not contain chametz and/or kitniyot, or he may decide that the medicine may be consumed due to the seriousness of the patient's condition.

4 You should exercise extreme caution and consult with your doctor and Rabbi before making a decision not to take a medicine.

ORAL CARE

Kosher Check recommends purchasing Kosher L'Pesach toothpaste prior to the start of Passover.

IF THIS IS NOT AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING BRANDS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS CHAMETZ FREE:



TOOTHPASTE

- ➔ Arm & Hammer Complete Care Toothpaste
- ➔ Colgate Toothpastes
- ➔ Crest Cavity Protection Toothpaste - Regular
- ➔ Crest Cavity Protection Toothpaste Gel
- ➔ Crest Kid's Cavity Protection Toothpaste
- ➔ Sensodyne Toothpastes



MOUTHWASH

- ➔ Crest - all Alcohol Free varieties
- ➔ LISTERINE Zero - All varieties