

# Animal digest is a low-quality ingredient.

## It's a myth

Animal digest is often considered a substandard pet food ingredient. In some cases, this is because the word “digest” is mistakenly thought to describe the contents of the digestive tract.

## The facts

The word “digest” in “animal digest” refers to the digestive process used in production, not the ingredients.

- The process starts with animal protein such as muscle and soft tissue supplied by USDA-inspected facilities.
- These ingredients are hydrolyzed or “digested” to break down the animal protein into peptides in a manner similar to digestion in the body.
- The resulting digest is in a liquid, but can also be made into a paste or powder.

Animal digest provides protein and flavor.

- Animal digest is extremely palatable and is an excellent source of high-quality protein.
- It's often used in small amounts to enhance the taste of dry pet foods.
- Spraying animal digest on kibble or mixing it with the food significantly increases palatability.

## Remember

Animal digest is a high-quality ingredient that provides an excellent source of protein and enhances the palatability of pet foods.

### How digest is made

