Grading Dog Food (Kibble)

The following somewhat controversial chart differentiates high quality (typically wheat/corn/soy-free) kibble and lower quality, mass-marketed brands. Not every kibble is shown and manufacturers are constantly releasing new formulated premium food; use this as a guide only. Several websites provide additional details on grading kibble.

Brand	Variety	Score	Grade
Merrick	Wilderness Blend	127	A+
Castor & Pollux		124	A+
Dick Van Patten's	Natural Balance Ultra Premium	122	A+
Innova	Large Breed Puppy	122	A+
Nature's Variety	Raw Instinct	122	A+
Timberwolf Organics	Wild & Natural Dry	120	A+
Authority	Harvest Baked	116	A+
Nature's Recipe	Healthy Skin Venison and Rice	116	A+
Chicken Soup	Senior	115	A+
Innova	Dog	114	A+
Innova	Evo	114	A+
Candidae		112	A+
Kirkland Signature (Costco)	Chicken, Rice and Vegetable	110	A+
Kirkland Signature (Costco)	Lamb, Rice and Vegetable	110	A+
Wellness	Super5 Mix Chicken	110	A+
Premium Edge	Chicken, Rice & Vegetables, Adult Dry	109	A+
Burns	Chicken and Brown Rice	107	A+
Blue Buffalo	Chicken and Rice	106	A+
Dick Van Patten's	Natural Balance Venison & Brown Rice	106	A+
Dick Van Patten's	Duck and Potato	106	A+
Foundations		106	A+
Royal Canin	Natural Blend Adult	106	A+
Nutro	Ultra Adult	104	A+
Royal Canin	Boxer	103	A+
EaglePack	Holistic	102	A+
Flint River	Senior	101	A+
Royal Canin	Bulldog	100	A+

Brand	Variety	Score	Grade
Nature's Recipe		100	A
Solid Gold		99	A
Diamond	Large Breed 60+ Formula	99	A
Nutro	Natural Choice Lamb and Rice	98	A
Sensible Choice	Chicken and Rice	97	A
Nutro	Natural Choice Senior	95	A
Pro Plan	Sensitive Stomach	94	A
Authority	Harvest Baked Less Active	93	В
Hund-n-Flocken	Adult Dog (lamb) by Solid Gold	93	В
Nutro	Max Adult	93	В
Diamond	Lamb Meal & Rice	92	В
Nutro	Natural Choice Large Breed Puppy	87	В
Nutro	Natural Choice Puppy Wheat Free	86	В
Diamond	Performance	85	С
Member's Mark	Chicken and Rice	84	С
Blackwood	3000 Lamb and Rice	83	С
Alpo	Prime Cuts	81	С
Eukanuba	Adult	81	С
Nutra	Nuggets Super Premium Lamb Meal & Rice	81	С
Pro Nature	Puppy	80	С
Eukanuba	Puppy	79	С
Iams	Lamb Meal & Rice Formula Premium	73	D
Science Diet	Large Breed Puppies	69	F
Bil-Jac	Select	68	F
Diamond	Maintenance	64	F
Science Diet	Advanced Protein Senior 7+	63	F
Purina	Dog	62	F
Purina One	Large Breed Puppy	62	F
Pet Gold	Adult with Lamb and Rice	23	F
Purina	Beneful	17	F
Purina	Come-n-Get It	16	F

 $Reference: members.pet finder.com/\sim CA469/files/DogFoodRatings.pdf$