

AGILITY TREATS

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A number of people have asked me what treats I use to train my dogs. Too many rich treats give my dogs loose stool and after a number of years experimenting with different combinations, I have found that it works best for me to "mix" my own treats. For very little effort, this gives me the best of all worlds – great treats that my dogs love that are good for them.

The basis for my treat mix is a premium quality dog food that my dogs do not receive as their regular ration. The use of the premium dog food ensures that the treat mix will be nutritious and the fact the food I use is not their regular fare, makes it something special. To this I add various other enticing items so that when mixed together, the dog will never know exactly which individual treat is coming next. This keeps them interested in the mix and at the same time allows me to select their favorite from the mix should I want to "jack pot" a particular behavior during training.

For those of you who have asked for my "recipe", here it is:

GREYTDOGS TREATS

1-4.4 lb bag of Karma Organic Dog Food (20% protein, chicken as primary protein source – from pet supply store)

(You can use one or two premium foods as desired. Other premium foods I have used in the past are Solid Gold Mmillennia Beef & Barley, Wellness Super5 Mix Chicken, Wysong Maintenance Canine, Innova, Canidae, etc.)

1-14 oz bucket of Pro Treat 100% Pure Liver Treats (dried, 50% protein – from pet supply store)

3-7.2 oz bags of Goldfish Parmesan crackers (from supermarket)

3-7.8 oz bags of Baby Goldfish Cheddar crackers (from supermarket)

3-16 oz bags of Charlee Bear Dog Liver Treats (20% protein – from pet supply store or Trader Joes)

3-4 oz bags of Friskies Kitty Teasers Oceanfish & Tuna (19% protein – from supermarket)

3-4 oz bags of Friskies Kitty Teasers Shrimp Flavor (19% protein – from supermarket)

The Friskies Kitty Teasers can be difficult to find. Often I substitute Bil Jac Cat Treats instead (from pet supply store).

On occasion I have been known to add Bil Jac Liver Treats for Dogs as well, but these must be cut into smaller pieces before adding to the mix and that takes up more time. The dogs love them though.

Store in a cool, dry place.