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2. **Dry cat foods are more economical.** *False.* The diseases caused by dry cat foods result in very expensive vet bills.
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4. **Cats need constant access to food.** *False.* In the wild, cats forage and catch their prey, eat until satisfied to fill their walnut-sized stomachs. Leftovers are buried & returned to much later.
5. **Raw meat is bad for cats.** *False.* When was the last time you saw a cat cook a mouse?

Please see the list of websites on the reverse side to learn more about the myths of feeding dry cat food.

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FOOD:

1. The first ingredients listed on the label should be meat, meat broth, meat by-products, vitamin and mineral supplements to provide nutritional balance.
2. Avoid canned foods with cereals, grains, glutes, fruits or vegetables...these products are used as cheap fillers to inadequately inflate the protein content of canned foods.
3. Under 10% carbohydrates based on dry matter. When you read the canned food label, the carbs listed are based on an "as fed" basis which does not provide an accurate calculation of carbs based on "dry matter". To learn more about properly calculating the carbs in canned food, and for a list of low carb canned foods in your country, visit www.diabeticcatcare.com/foodlist.htm

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