

How to Dilute the Bone Content of Pre-ground meat/bone/organ mixes

If you do not know the percentages of meat, bone, and organs in the mix you've purchased, you need to contact the manufacturer/supplier to find out what those percentages are.

Many pre-ground mixes target 80% meat, 10% organ (which should be 5% liver), and 10% bone.

For many cats, this is too much bone.

If you are using whole ground animal, almost all of them are VERY bone-heavy. Chicken, for instance, if dressed, is about 27% bone.

The natural prey of cat, on average, has about 7% - 8% bone. Many cats become constipated on a mix with a higher bone content. Thus the need to properly dilute the ratios of meat, bone, and organ.

With this calculator, you enter the values for the product you have, how much you have of it, and choose the target ratios you want (they must total 100%).

The calculator will tell you the amount of meat and organ you need to add to keep the mix properly balanced. If you just add meat, you do not retain the nutritional balance. The organ can be just liver, but even better if you split it between liver and another secreting organ.

Online calculator to determine how much bone and organ to add to a pre-ground mix to properly dilute the bone content down to a cat-appropriate amount: http://www.rawcalc.org/