

**WAC 16-252-106 Feeding directions.** (1) Dog or cat food, including snacks or treats, labeled as complete and balanced for any or all life stages, as provided in WAC 16-252-044 (3)(a), except those pet foods labeled in accordance with WAC 16-252-044(4), shall list feeding directions on the product label. These directions shall be consistent with the intended use(s) indicated in the nutritional adequacy statement, unless a limited use or more limited life stage designation is declared elsewhere (e.g., "adult formula"). These directions shall be expressed in common terms and shall appear prominently on the label. Feeding directions shall, at a minimum, state, "Feed (weight/unit of product) per (weight only) of dog (or cat)." The frequency of feeding shall also be specified.

(2) When a dog or cat food is intended for use by or under the supervision or direction of a veterinarian, the statement: "Use only as directed by your veterinarian" may be used in lieu of feeding directions.

(3) Specialty pet food, including snacks or treats, labeled as complete and balanced for any or all life stages, as provided in WAC 16-252-044(1), shall list feeding directions on the product label. These feeding directions shall be adequate to meet the nutrient requirements of the intended species of specialty pet as recommended by the AAFCO-recognized nutritional authority. These directions shall be expressed in common terms and shall appear prominently on the label. The frequency of feeding shall also be specified.

(4) Any pet food or specialty pet food labeled as "snacks" or "treats" that contains a drug, must list feeding directions on the label. The directions must be expressed in common terms and appear prominently on the label. Feeding directions must, at a minimum, state, "Feed (weight/unit of product) per (weight only) of dog (or cat)." The frequency of feeding must also be specified.

(5) Pet food and specialty pet food snacks and treats do not require feeding directions on the label except when they are labeled as "complete and balanced" or contain a drug.

(6) Feeding directions may be on the label for snacks and treats even when not required.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 15.53.9012, 15.53.9013, 15.53.9016, and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 18-21-191, § 16-252-106, filed 10/24/18, effective 11/24/18.]