

The big stink about tripe

What is tripe?

Tripe is, basically, the stomach lining from ruminant animals like cattle, pigs, sheep or lamb, and goats. It's not new, as it has been a popular dish consumed by numerous cultures around the world, and is now gaining popularity as a healthy food for cats and dogs.



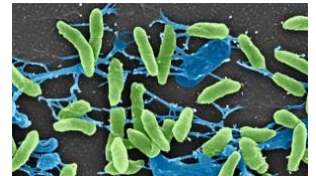
It doesn't smell like roses, but boy, is it ever good for your dog!

The tripe we feed our cats and dogs is different than the tripe you'll see in grocery stores. That product is white because it has been bleached and boiled. Green tripe, the type we sell, is called green not because of the color but because it is untreated, so it contains all the natural benefits that cooking strips away.

Why feed tripe?

It does sound disgusting, but there are numerous reasons you want to offer it to your cats and dogs:

Probiotics – Tripe is heavy in the beneficial bacteria that are an important part of both the digestive and immune systems. Poor diet, stress, and illness can wreck the biome in the intestines, leading to further health problems. Probiotics like lactobacillus acidophilus help prevent bad bacteria, like e-coli, listeria, and salmonella, from taking hold in the intestines. Adding probiotics back to the system helps keep the gut biome healthy and vigorous, promoting good digestion and optimal nutrient absorption.



Natural vitamins and minerals – Green tripe contains a perfect ratio of calcium to phosphorous. It is high in omega 3 and omega 6 fatty acids and heart-healthy unsaturated fats. It also contains partially-digested greens, making their micronutrients available to your dog or cat.

Protein – Tripe is high in protein with 7 essential amino acids, vital in building muscle and the function of the immune system.

Enzymes – Digestive enzymes begin the digestive process, breaking up foods to make the locked up nutrients more available during digestion. The more enzymes, the more nutrition your pet will get from their food. This is important for animals on highly processed diets that may be lacking in these vital elements – and it'll help you get the most out of those foods.

Benefits

One of the first things you'll notice when you open a can of tripe is the smell. It is powerful, the smell has a personality of its own! But as foul as we find it, dogs and cats LOVE it! This means it's great to feed when your pet is off their food, turning their nose up at everything you offer, or when your pet needs to gain weight from illness or injury. Picky eaters love tripe, and mixing it with another food keeps them chowing down. Many animals lose their sense of smell as they age; one sign is not being interested in their food any more, and tripe is great to get older dogs and cats to eat again.



**Our favorite brand
of green tripe**

Because of the enzymes, probiotics, and high protein content, tripe is a great option for dogs and cats with sensitive stomachs. Tripe is easily digested and can help ease symptoms of diarrhea, gas, and acid reflux. The enzyme content also makes it great for dogs that are eating poop; coprophagia is thought to be a response to the need for more nutrients and enzymes.

Tripe does so much more: The dense nutrition makes it great for pregnant and lactating mothers. Their rubbery, chewy texture is perfect for them to chew on, helping improve dental health. It's also a nice change, to add some variety and extra nutrition to even a healthy dog or cat's diet!

Few natural foods have so many benefits for our pets in a form so attractive to them!