

## Choosing Coonhound Cuisine

**How to feed your hungry hound for a long and healthy life.**

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### Homemade Diet Pros:

You have total control over the quality of the ingredients.

Raw or cooked options.

Preservative-free.

Fresh, unprocessed whole-food ingredients retain their intrinsic nutrients.

Organic ingredients don't carry the potentially harmful influence of hormones, antibiotics and agro-chemicals (pesticides and herbicides).

Dogs evolved eating raw meats, which many claim are easier for them to digest.

Gnawing on raw bones is effective in removing dental plaque. Note: Cooked bones can break teeth or splinter and injure the digestive tract, so should never be offered to dogs.

### Homemade Diet Cons:

Time-consuming to prepare.

More expensive, especially if using all-organic ingredients.

Many published recipes aren't nutritionally complete and balanced.

Concern of foodborne illness (salmonella, E. coli, mad cow disease) from handling or eating raw meat.

Will spoil rapidly and must be used within a day or two, or frozen for later use.