



# Chicken & sardines

with  
CompleteMe Canine

for **senior**  
**DOGS**

## Ingredients:

450 grams chicken thigh (skinless, boneless)  
150 grams sardines (canned in spring water)  
200 grams quinoa (cooked weight)  
80 grams carrot (fresh or frozen)  
60 grams spinach (fresh or frozen)  
30 grams blueberries (fresh or frozen)  
1 teaspoon olive oil  
2 & ½ teaspoons chia seeds  
5 mL medium-chain triglyceride (MCT) oil  
2 Swisse odourless super strength wild fish oil  
(2,000 mg) capsules  
12 grams CompleteMe Canine

*Percentage Calories From:*

**Protein:** 45.28% ; **Fat:** 35.92% ;

**Carbohydrate:** 18.80%

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## Preparation & Cooking:

1. Pan-fry the chicken thigh in a non-stick pan (without added oil) until cooked. Set aside, allow to cool, then either shred or finely chop.
2. Cook the quinoa in water until cooked. Drain, set aside, allow to cool, then weigh out the required amount (200 grams).
3. Steam or microwave the chopped carrot and spinach until soft, then either mash them together or leave them as is, depending on preference.
4. In a large mixing bowl, combine the chicken, sardines (drained weight), quinoa, vegetables, blueberries, olive oil, and chia seeds and mix thoroughly.
5. Once all ingredients are cool, mix in the MCT oil, fish oil capsules (contents), and CompleteMe Canine powder.
6. Be sure to mix together all the ingredients very well.

**This batch makes approximately 1 kilogram of food.**

## Serving & Storage:

To serve after cooking, please allow the food to cool, then weigh out the required amount for your dog (following the Daily Feeding Guide instructions below) using a scale. Serve at room temperature.

For the remaining food, using the Daily Feeding Guide, portion it into daily serving sizes based on your dog's weight, and place it in an airtight container with a label for the date on which it was prepared. This prepared food can either be stored in the refrigerator (4°C) or freezer (-15°C).

### Refrigeration:

We recommend that prepared food is stored in the fridge for a maximum of 3 days.

### Freezing:

Prepared meals (including all ingredients and the CompleteMe Canine supplement) can be frozen for up to 4 weeks. It is important that when you defrost the meals, you do not heat the food to a high temperature, but rather defrost it gently until just warm, in the fridge (e.g., overnight) or in a microwave or warm water bath. This is because heating up the food may destroy some of the vitamin content.

## Daily Feeding Guide:

**This recipe meets the nutritional levels established by the AAFCO Dog Food Nutrient Profiles for maintenance of adult dogs.**

Suitable for senior dogs; not suitable for puppies. Not suitable for human consumption.



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**Caloric Density: 1.23 kcal/gram**



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*for a complete meal*

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## Frequently Asked Questions:

### How should I transition my dog on to their new diet?

We strongly recommend that you gradually transition your dog onto their new diet over 5-7 days. This is because sudden changes in the fat and fibre content of the diet can sometimes cause gastrointestinal upset. Begin with 90-80% of the old diet and 10-20% of the new diet. If this is well-tolerated for a few days, increase to 30-40% new diet for another few days. Again, if well-tolerated, increase to 50-60% new diet for a few days, and so forth, until 100% new diet is being fed.

### What is the best way to measure ingredients accurately?

We recommend purchasing a digital kitchen scale that can measure in grams to ensure accuracy with the ingredient portions. All teaspoon/tablespoon measurements given are Australian teaspoon/tablespoon sizes.

### My dog won't eat the diet. What should I do?

Here are some things you can try:

- A very slow transition to the new diet can improve acceptance and tolerance, especially when adding supplements. This is especially true in dogs that have been fed a commercial kibble or canned diet for a significant amount of time.
- If your dog is picking out the meat and leaving the vegetables, try processing or blending the diet in a food processor or blender, until it is very well-mixed.
- Add a small amount of chicken or beef stock to the meal to flavour the vegetables and/or other carbohydrates. Make sure the stock does not contain onions or garlic.
- Top your dog's meals with a small number of their favourite treats (whole or crushed) – for example, freeze-dried chicken breast or salmon is popular and can be crumbled and mixed into the food.
- Add a small amount of something strong-smelling or tasting that your dog loves. For example: Vegemite or Promite, miso paste, grated cheddar or parmesan cheese, sardines or mackerel canned in spring water, crushed liver treats, canned cat or dog food, cottage cheese or plain yoghurt, or peanut or almond butter (no added sugar or salt).

### Can I substitute ingredients?

**Ingredients should not be substituted under any circumstances.** Ingredients that may seem similar can vary greatly in the amounts and types of nutrients they provide. This is especially true of any vegetable oils used as they have very specific fatty acid profiles. For example, simply changing from hempseed oil to olive oil can make the diet deficient in linoleic acid, which can cause signs of deficiency like dry scaly skin and a dull coat.

### My dog has developed some changes in stool consistency. What should I do?

It can be the case that some dogs develop mild changes in stool consistency, even with a gradual transition to the new diet. Most commonly, stools may become slightly softer/pasty, however, mild constipation can also occur. Liquid or watery diarrhoea is rare and is a cause for concern. If your dog has softer stools, but is eating and drinking normally, and is otherwise bright and happy, it may be sensible to continue to feed the diet and monitor your dog's stools for several more days. Changes in the fibre content of your dog's diet can cause softer stools; this is usually mild and temporary, with stools normalising after 4-5 days. If stool consistency does not improve, or you become concerned because your dog is lethargic, not eating, not drinking, or has severe diarrhoea, please stop feeding the diet immediately and consult your family veterinarian.

### My dog has started vomiting. What should I do?

**Vomiting in response to gradual dietary change is not normal in healthy dogs.** Rapid or immediate changes in diet may cause vomiting or diarrhoea, and this is, therefore, why a gradual transition is recommended. Please stop feeding the diet immediately and consult your family veterinarian.

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