

More Than Treats by Stephen Sinanan

➔ From Louis Vuitton carrying cases to Swarovski Crystal studded leashes, we South Floridians make sure that our canine companions are all glammed up. Often what our four-legged pals eat every day is not given the same degree of thought as how fabulous we make them look. As our daily lives are becoming more and more natural, the same could happen for our dogs. Craig Zeleznik and Melissa Snyder's passion for dogs has led them to create unparalleled natural canine cuisine. Located in Pompano, their store Chef K9's Doggy Bistro & Bakery caters to the palettes of our furry friends. Unlike store bought kibble and pet food, all of their food creations are completely natural. They use only 100-percent restaurant quality, top grade natural products and prepare everything fresh on site. There are absolutely no manufactured ingredients, chemicals or preservatives. In fact, all the dishes and desserts can be consumed by owners and their dogs.

Craig and Melissa are both classically trained professional chefs who turned their talents toward the canine world. After a great deal of research and study on canine nutrition, they realized the need to create a better food alternative for their own dogs. Four successful years later, word of mouth continues to bring them new clients from all over the country.

Take a look next time you pick up a bag of kibble and you'll see regulation requires that only a "minimum crude standard" be adhered to. That broad definition means that many undesirable ingredients could be



incorporated including road kill, inconsumable meat products and even feces. It's no surprise that many ailments plaguing our dogs are often caused by inferior food products. Chef K9 natural diets address the root dietary problems many dogs have. Once you have started your pooch on their completely natural diet, improvements can be seen in a couple weeks and Craig notes, "optimum peak improvement can be seen in 6 to 7 months."

From doggie pizzas to gourmet doggie treats and pastries Chef K9 has got your pooch covered. Chef K9 offers both Stock Diets and Custom Diets. Stock Diets are designed for dogs that fit breed standards with no medical or weight control issues. Every breed digests food differently so it's very important to make sure they have the best nutrition in the correct quantities. They cur-

rently have stock diets for over 30 breeds. Their Custom Diets are specifically prepared for your dog to help address their unique nutritional needs. Getting your doggie started is simple. Simply log on to their website (www.chefk9.com) or give them a call and after an initial nutritional consult, they will create and prepare a menu for your dog.

Now both you and your dog can walk around looking good and feeling great. Just be sure not to steal their doggie treats when they're not looking.

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