



## Pumpkin-Peanut Butter Dog Cookies

**Prep: 20 minutes**

**Bake: 20 minutes Makes: about 60 cookies**

- 1 cup 100% pure pumpkin
- ½ cup smooth peanut butter
- ¼ cup dried parsley (optional, but good for fresh breath)
- ¼ cup water
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 cups whole wheat flour

**1.** Preheat oven to 350°. In large bowl, with mixer on medium speed, mix all ingredients except flour; gradually add flour and mix until incorporated.

**2.** On lightly floured surface, roll dough to ¼-inch thick. With about 3-inch cookie cutters, cut out cookies; transfer cookies to cookie sheets in single layer. Gather and roll scraps to cut out additional cookies.

**3.** Bake cookies 20 to 30 minutes; transfer to wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for 1 week or refrigerate or freeze up to 3 months.

### **Chef Tips**

*DO NOT use sugar free peanut butter; some sugar free products contain xylitol, which can be deadly to dogs.*

*For senior pets, bake cookies for the shorter time so the treats are softer and easier to chew. For younger pets, bake for the longer time so the treats are crunchy.*

*This recipe is very versatile: you can substitute mashed bananas, unsweetened applesauce or sweet potato purée for the pumpkin.*