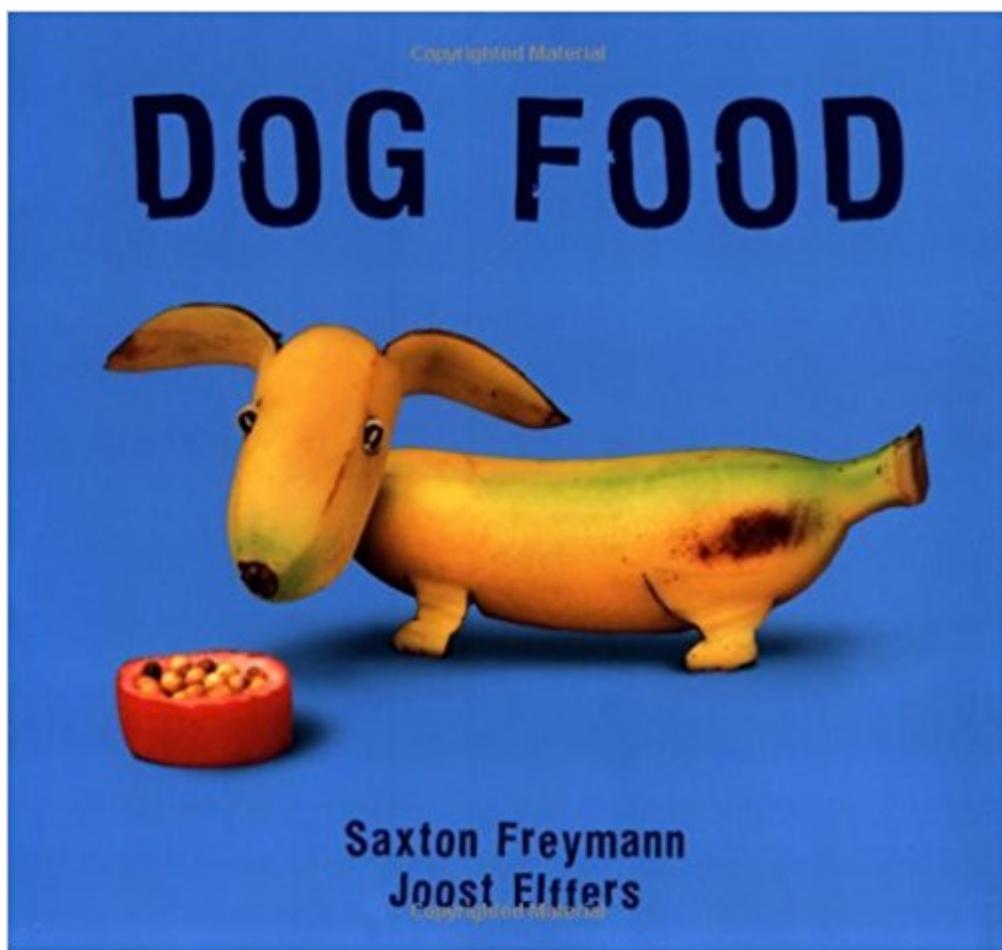


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# Dog Food (New York Times Best Illustrated Children's Books (Awards))



## **Synopsis**

For dog lovers of all ages, a banquet of (pepper) puppy puns! Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers have wowed readers with the funny food faces of *HOW ARE YOU PEELING*, the underwater vegetable visions of *ONE LONELY SEAHORSE* and the lush produce landscapes of *GUS AND BUTTON*. Now with *DOG FOOD*, the duo turns its talents to the canine realm, wittily reworking familiar doggy phrases for a whole new level of humor and meaning. These pepper pooches and mango mutts are guaranteed to charm dog owners, dog lovers, and even -- dare we say it -- cat fans. Chow down!

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

If you think living, breathing puppies are cute, wait until you see this fabulous book of photographs of fruit-and-vegetable dogs. Yes, Saxton Freymann and Joost Elffers (*Play with Your Food, How Are You Peeling?*, *One Lonely Seahorse*) are back, with one of their best efforts to date. Not only are the doggies themselves endearing and clever (the broccoli-tufted French poodle is pure genius), but the wordplay and visual punch lines are terrific as well. "Chilly dog," crafted from a potato, shivers next to a mushroom snowman. "Dog bowl," contrary to what you might envision, is a dog made out of a radish, with a black olive on its paw, poised to topple banana-tip bowling pins. "Dog catcher," reveals a jalapeño dachshund catching a squash Frisbee in midair. "Let sleeping dogs lie" you say? There they are, sleepy, sleepy banana peel dogs at the end. The eye-popping endpapers

showcase the entire kennel of creations on a bright turquoise background. This immensely appealing book will be irresistible to almost any human, but dog (and produce) lovers will sprout wings and zoom skyward. (Ages 4 to 104) --Karin Snelson

In *How Are You Peeling?*, Freymann and Elffers sought out wrinkly, bulging fruits and vegetables and applied beans to form eyeballs. The resulting veggie faces showed wit and a keen design sensibility. In *Gus and Button* and this volume, the artists no longer wait for the poetic moment. They slice and pierce vegetable chunks to create animal likenesses with less successful results. The title refers to the book's canine theme and artistic media. Each page features a common saying like "in the doghouse" and a visual play on words. For "dog paddle," which here has nothing to do with swimming, a green hound built from two pears backhands a ping-pong ball with a racquet made from a radish slice. "Pup tent" pictures a lettuce-leaf shelter and a red radish-puppy. Jalapeno peppers, with their tail-like stems and their variable coloration, come in handy for "sick puppy" (a queasy red and green) and "lucky dog" (who holds a cauliflower bone in his jaws). Even though the mushroom chunks and mangled potato parts are forced into service, whimsy prevails in the portraits of the frisee lettuce sheepdog, the broccoli poodle and the banana, cut lengthwise and laid flat to resemble two long yellow dogs with blunt black noses ("Let sleeping dogs lie"). All ages. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Made of Brocoli, Bananas and Pears Oh My. So much fun. The characters are made of fruits and veggies. Oh yeah and beans too

This book is so cute. This was for a friends son, because he loved ours so much.

Such a cute book and imaginative use of produce!

First borrowed this book from my local library for my daughter. It turns out that both the child and the adult love this book, so I decide to purchase it. This book is currently out of print. I hope that this will change soon and this book will be back in print. I love all of Saxton Freemann's book, but "Dog Food" is my favorite. It is whimsical, clever and full of humor. It appeals to all ages!

my daughter loves this book and the illustration makes her laugh! she loves pointing out the types of fruits and veggies used to illustrate!

My students were studying fruits and veggies and this book, along with others by the same author were a great hit. Cute concept and a fun way to identify fruits and vegetables.

My daughter and I love his books. Very cute pictures and fun to look at together. Want all his books.

Silly pictures that provide cues for text ("hot dog", with a picture of a chili pepper dog and a fire). Great for the a 3-5 year old who can memorize and connect pictoral clues, and will boost their confidence/interest in reading. Or for the dog lover or garde manger chef who just needs a laugh :)

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