

Bestest Dog Birthday Cake

for Geddy, Blu, Bosco and Cookie (RIP)

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What You'll Need:

1 cup whole wheat flour

1 teaspoon baking soda

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

1/4 cup creamy peanut butter (I used Skippy Natural. DO NOT use peanut butter with Xylitol)

1/2 cup pureed pumpkin

3 tablespoons water

1/2 cup applesauce (use one without added sugar)

1 large egg

For the icing:

1 cup Greek yogurt

1/2 cup creamy peanut butter (NO Xylitol)

What You'll Do:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
2. For a layer cake, grease 2 6" cake pans, or for a snacking cake, 1 8" round or square cake pan
3. In a large bowl, put all the ingredients from the whole wheat flour to the eggs.

Obviously, do not add the icing ingredients. Mix by hand until well-blended. Unlike with a cake for humans, if you over-mix this and it gets a little rubbery, your dog will probably like it more.

4. Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 15 to 20 minutes for 6" cake pans and 20 to 25 minutes for 8" pan. The middle of the cake should bounce back if touched gently with a, preferably your, finger.
5. Let cool completely.

6. **Make the icing:** Mix the yogurt and peanut butter together. Taste the icing. Consider eating it yourself, maybe with a spoonful or three of maple syrup over it and some sliced strawberries.
7. Ice the cake. Refrigerate until ready to serve and before your counter-surfing dog gobbles it up.