Summertime frozen treats for dog

The weather is hot and our dogs are just as over it as we are. If you are looking for ways to keep your dog busy while he is stuck inside all day or while he taking a break in the shade, here are some recipes for cool summer treats. These treats can be stuffed into Kongs, hollow marrow bones, paper cups or cupcake liner. For small dogs you can fill an ice cube tray for a dozen small treats.

When filling Kongs, you’ll need to plug up the smaller hole if the filling is liquid, so it doesn’t fall out. You can also plug the larger hole to make it harder for the dog to get the filling out. Some thinks you can use to plug the holes: a cut piece of vegetable fruit (no grapes--they are bad for dogs), cheese, dog treats, peanut butter, veggies such as a baby carrot, or anything else that will fit. You can also add dog biscuits, fruit, or veggies (or whatever your dog likes) to the Kong along with one of the recipes below, to make layers.

BJ'S Peanutty Pupcicles
· 1 ripe banana
· 1/2 cup peanut butter
· 1/4 cup wheat germ
· 1/4 cup chopped peanuts
Mash banana’s and peanut butter, stir in wheat germ. Chill 1 hour. Place in container, store in refrigerator or freezer.

Frozen Peanut Butter Yogurt Treats
· 32 ounces vanilla yogurt
· 1 cup peanut butter

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See also:
Kong Stuffing Recipes
Put the peanut butter in a microwave safe dish and microwave until melted. Mix the yogurt and the melted peanut butter in a bowl. Pour mixture into cupcake papers and freeze.

**Fruity Yogurt Treats**
- 2 kiwi fruit -- mashed
- or jar baby food fruit
- 8 ounces strawberry yogurt -- or other

Mix together, freeze in ice cube tray, serve.

**Yogurt Pups**
- 16 ounces plain nonfat yogurt
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 tablespoon chicken bouillon granules

Dissolve bouillon in water. Combine water and yogurt in blender and blend thoroughly. Pour into small containers for freezing, cover and freeze.

**Pup Pops**
- 2 chicken or beef bouillon cubes
- 3 cups water

Dissolve bouillon in water. Pour into small styrofoam cups or ice cube tray. Freeze. Serve frozen.

**Frosty Paws #1**
- one part instant oatmeal
- two parts water
- instant chicken or beef bouillon powder
- (optional) large glob of peanut butter

Mix and let sit for a few minutes until the oatmeal absorbs most of the liquid. It isn't even necessary to heat it. Spoon into small containers and freeze. Some other suggestions to add: yogurt, pureed liver, garlic, pureed vegetables.

**Frosty Paws #2**
- 1 banana
- 4 oz. plain or fruit yogurt
- 2 oz. water

Process in blender or food processor till smooth. Pour into old frosty paws cups, ramekins or something similar. *Freeze and Serve. This recipe fills about 3 FP cups.*

**Homemade Frosty Paws #3**
- 1 quart vanilla yogurt
- 1 medium banana
- 2 T peanut butter (I use natural style)
- 2 T honey
Puree the banana in a food processor (a blender would probably work fine). Add the peanut butter and honey and continue processing until smooth. Add yogurt and process just long enough to blend all ingredients together. Place 18 small paper cups (bathroom size) in a baking pan (one 9x13 or two 8x8 work well). Fill paper cups to about 2/3’s full. An ice cream scoop or a measuring cup makes the job easier. Freeze until solid. Transfer the frozen treats to zip-lock bags for storing in the freezer.

**Frozen Jerky Pops**
- Bouillon
- Jerky Strips
- Water

Fill a muffin tin with cool water and add a pinch of bouillon. Place a Jerky Stick inside and freeze.

**Bananarama**
1 fresh banana
2 tbs wheat germ
1 tbs plain yogurt (can use your pet’s favorite flavor as well)

In a bowl, mash up banana. Then, add wheat germ and yogurt. Mash all ingredients together and use spoon to add to a muffin tin or cups. Freeze for 4 hours.

**Pugs Pops**
- 1 Quart fruit juice
- 1 banana, mashed
- 1/2 cup yogurt

Mix ingredients together thoroughly, then freeze. This can be eaten by people too.