

Dogs, dogs, dogs... everywhere there's dogs!

The first step of this puzzle is to identify the foods inside each of the doggie bags. You may not at this point be able to figure out all of the arrows, or why there are hot dogs all over the place. There is expected to be enough context to name the foods, and given the dish enumerations provided on each doggie bag, understand how to parse the spelling (Japanese transliterations can vary on the spacing/hyphenation), these were selected consistent with a certain theme, as suggested by the first letters, as shown below.

Doggie Bag #	Dish Enumeration	Name of Dish	Dish 1st Letter
1	7 5	Chicken Curry	C
2	12	Hitsumabushi	H
3	3 3	Ebi Fry	E
4	5 7	Fried Tsukune	F
5	6 7	Almond Cookies	A
6	7	Nikujaga	N
7	8	Dorayaki	D
8	8 5 & 10 4	Futomaki Sushi & California Roll	F
9	4 4	Reba Nira	R
10	3 7	Aji Sashimi	A
11	7	Nikuman	N
12	6	Chahan	C
13	8 4	Ishikari Nabe	I
14	8	Sukiyaki	S
15	7	Sekihan	S
16	11 13	Hinamatsuri Chirashizushi	H
17	7	Oden	O
18	10 8	Watermelon Kakigori	W

Googling for this, if you didn't find it while looking up all of these scrumptious dishes, you will find that the dog on the doggie bags represents Francis, the narrating dog from the YouTube cooking show sensation Cooking with Dog!



Watching the episodes can help you fill in foods you don't know, but even more importantly, it will help you identify the HOT DOG picture in each recipe, which reiterates one of the phrases from the video discussing what to do with that ingredient. The word "HOT DOG" was parsed into the # of words that were substituted for, and was made plural if the ingredient was plural.

Identify what the hot dogs represent, and use the #s on each phrase as indices into the name of the ingredient, and sort in video release date order, a final message appears:

Aired	Food	Hot Dogged Ingredient	Tip from the Show:	Extract from Tip
9-Sep-2007	Sukiyaki	KUMATSUNA	This time, you substitute HOTDOG for shungiku (7, 6)	US
12-Jan-2008	Nikujaga	SNAP PEAS	Add HOT DOGS on top and bring to the boil 4 more minutes. (6, 1)	ES
9-Feb-2008	Oden	DAIKON RADISH	Peel the skin of the HOT DOG and cut into half moons. (11)	S
9-Nov-2009	Futomaki Sushi & California Roll	MUSTARD GREENS	Garnish with pickled ginger and HOT DOGS . (2, 8, 4)	UGA
31-Dec-2009	Nikuman	SHRIMP	These dried HOTDOGS were pre-washed and soaked in lukewarm water for about one hour. (3)	R
19-Jan-2010	Dorayaki	SUGAR	Put the bowl of whipping cream in ice water and add HOTDOG . (3)	G
19-Oct-2010	Hitsumabushi	SANSHO PEPPER	For the first bowl, sprinkle on the HOT DOG and simply enjoy... (12, 8, 11, 3)	REEN
13-Nov-2010	Ebi Fry	BREADCRUMBS	If you can only find dried HOTDOGS , mist them with water... (8, 9)	UM
28-Sep-2012	Aji Sashimi	AJI, HORSE MACKEREL	First, let's clean the fresh HO , or T DOG . (15, 7, 4)	ESH
12-Oct-2012	Sekihan	AZUKI BROTH	The ratio between the rice and the HOT DOG depends on the type of pot you use. (3)	U
16-Nov-2012	Reba Nira	NIRA GARLIC CHIVES	Next, reserve the firm root ends of the HO TDO GS . (6, 1)	AN
19-Jan-2013	Chicken Curry	CURRY POWDER	The HOT DOG easily burns, so keep your eyes on it. (9)	D
25-Feb-2013	Hinamatsuri Chirashizushi	SALMON ROE, IKURA SHOYUZEKE	Finally, garnish with the marinated H OT, DO G . (1, 16)	SH
22-Mar-2013	Fried Tsukune	NAGAIMO YAM	Grate the HO-TD OG with a grater. (7)	O
18-Oct-2013	Chahan	CHAR SIU, CHINESE FLAVORED BARBECUED PORK	First, cut the H O, T-D O G into 5mm or quarter inch cubes. (28, 2)	CH
7-Nov-2014	Ishikari Nabe	SHUNGIKU LEAVES	Next, tear the stalks of HOT DOGS into bite size pieces. (3, 11, 5)	UAG
10-Jul-2015	Watermelon Kakigori	SEEDLESS WATERMELON	If you are a smart or lazy person, use a HOT DOG instead. (6)	E
31-Jul-2015	Almond Cookies	ALMOND	The butter and HOTDOG flavors blend perfectly together. Very delicious! (6)	D

Reading the extracted letters in video order yields the phrase: **USES SUGAR, GREEN UMESHU, AND SHOCHU, AGED.**

This leads to one last Japanese food, which is in the Season 2, Episode 12 of Cooking with Dog video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZlBNdRKNhJI> (and can be readily Googled). The term “aged” distinguishes e.g. ume liqueur from the answer: **PLUM WINE**