

## "DOG" Soup

1 lb ground beef (I usually use a little more)  
1 16 oz can diced tomatoes  
2 med onions, chopped  
2 med carrots, sliced  
2 stalks celery, chopped  
1/3 cup barley (not instant\_  
1/4 cup catsup  
1 T instant beef bouillon granules  
2 tsp seasoned salt  
1 tsp dried basil  
1 bay leaf

In large saucepan, cook ground beef till browned. Drain off fat. Stir in remaining ingredients and 5 cups water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 1 hour. Season to taste w/salt and pepper. Remove bay leaf. Serves 6.

Notes: I add about 5-6 carrots, 4-5 stalks of celery. The nice part is you can throw everything in at once after you cook the meat and it is done in an hour. **DON'T SET IT OUT ON THE PORCH! OR THE DOG WILL GET IT:** hence the name Dog Soup!

Thanks to Vickie for this recipe! It is a keeper!