




DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS IN YOUR PET'S FOOD?


Your friend's health may depend on it!

 Poor quality pet foods can be a source of chronic infections, allergies, and other health problems, in addition to impacting behavior and learning (thus trainability).

 Pet foods may contain potentially harmful chemicals in the form of additives, preservatives, colorants, and "nutrients."

 Dogs are carnivores. They are not designed to digest and process grains as a primary food source. Many pet foods contain far too many grains.

 Pet foods may contain substandard ingredients, such as 3-D/4-D meats (disabled, dying, diseased, dead) and grains and vegetables considered unfit for human consumption.

 Pet food labels do not necessarily list ALL ingredients. Manufacturers are only required to list ingredients they themselves add. Ingredients introduced by sources such as rendering plants don't have to be listed.

 A food meeting "AAFCO standards" may not be a reliable way to determine the quality and nutritional value of pet food. [See <http://home.att.net/~wdcusick/04.htm> for more info.]

 Some dog foods were confirmed in 1998 by the FDA/CVM to contain pentobarbital, the drug most commonly used to euthanize animals. [Results of that study, including the names of foods tested, are available at <http://www.fda.gov/cvm/FOI/dfchart.htm>.]



Don't fall for advertising tactics - EDUCATE YOURSELF about the REAL quality of the food(s) you are feeding!

<http://www.canineworld.com/directory/shoppersguide/adeadlymeal.htm> - "4-D Meat: A deadly meal" by Dr. Arthur Strohbehm, DVM.

<http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/> - "Whole Dog Journal" is a fabulous holistic dog owner's newsletter. Well worth the subscription price. They do an annual pet food review that includes a list of high quality, natural commercial pet foods.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PetAdvocate101> - Yahoo group with LOTS of links in the files and support for those seeking answers.

<http://www.consciouschoice.com/2001/cc1410/safepetdiets1410.html> - "Safe Diets for Our Animals" by Deborah Straw.

<http://www.auroras.info/rawpaw.html> - A knowledgeable, informative group for learning about various aspects of pet care, including feeding. Includes an entire archive full of valuable information.

<http://www.doglogic.com/petsinfood.htm> - "What's in YOUR Pet's Food?"

<http://www.belfield.com/article3.html> - "Your Animal's Health" by Dr. Wendell O. Belfield.

<http://www.critterchat.net/foodpets.htm> - "Food Pets Die For" by Ann Martin (book review as well as lots of info).

<http://www.nexusmagazine.com/articles/petfood2.html> - "The Pet Food Industry and its Questionable Practices."

<http://www.api4animals.org/1517.htm> - "Pet Food: Buyer beware" by Debbie Giles.

http://www.lef.org/magazine/mag2003/may2003_report_pet_01.html - "Pet Food: The inside scoop" by Terri Mitchell.

<http://www.nexusmagazine.com/articles/petfood1.html> - "Polluted Pet Food!"

<http://www.diamondpaws.com/health/petfood.htm> - "What is in Our Pet Food?", a whole page of links and valuable information.

<http://www.caberfeidh.com/Truth.htm> - "The Whole(istic) Truth About Pet Food" by Christie Keith.

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