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FAQs – Frequently Asked Questions

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Some questions are of such general consumer interest, such as how to file a pet food complaint or how to read a label, they have been given their own tabs under the main menu. If a question isn't answered here, look there.

What should be done about a sick pet?



What pet foods are AAFCO-approved?

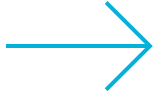


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What's the best pet food?



Where is a list of pet foods that meet AAFCO standards?



What are meat byproducts really?



What can consumers do if they believe they or their pets have health issues related to a pet food product?



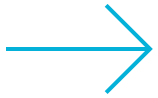
Do meat byproducts ever contain matter from diseased or disabled animals?

Are meat byproducts less healthy for pets than regular meat ingredients?

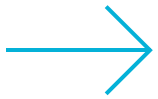
Does AAFCO have any warnings or recommendations for pet foods that are labeled organic?



Does AAFCO have any warnings or recommendations regarding products labeled natural, all-natural or 100% natural?



Am I better off cooking up a homemade pet food for my dog or cat?



Are “premium” pet food products better?



Unlike natural and organic, “premium” is a totally unregulated term in feed law. Whereas premium gasoline must meet higher octane standards than regular gasoline, premium pet food doesn’t have special requirements that differ from any other pet food.

If cooking and heating during manufacturing sterilize pet food products, why are some being recalled for salmonella contamination?



Where do bugs in pet food come from?



Why are there so few human-grade products available for pets?



Why don't all pet foods show the calories?

Where did this pet food product come from?

Who decides what ingredients can be put in a pet food and how is that done?

