



NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

We would like to wish all of you and your pets a very happy and healthy 2003! Each year is a time for a new beginning and new resolutions (except for those of us who have given up making resolutions!).

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

Our new employee, Marian, has been doing a lot of reading about pet nutrition and what is in pet food. She is appalled and is concerned that everyone know about what potentially is in many pet foods out there.

As you know, we are very choosy about the foods that we have brought in to our store for your pets and our own animals. We would not expect you to buy anything that we wouldn't give to our own pets. We will guarantee that all ingredients in our foods are chemical and drug free – no herbicides or pesticides used on the grains or vegetables, no antibiotics, steroids or growth hormones given to the animals & poultry and no chemicals used to preserve the food (vitamins only).

We have decided to dedicate this whole newsletter to what could potentially be in other pet foods out there, including those advertised on those cutesy T.V. commercials.

~some foods contain what are called "4D" ingredients – dead, diseased, decaying, and disabled. This can include road kill, decomposing farm animals not fit for human consumption, and even euthanized cats & dogs! Yes, we know that sounds far fetched, but there are many documented cases in articles and books. We have a letter from the Minister of Agriculture in Quebec that states that they render (cook they entire animal) a certain percentage of euthanized dogs & cats complete with I.D. tags, flea collars, etc. for use in pet food. Some meat & poultry inspectors will admit cutting off damaged parts of the animal (including tumours, etc.) and throwing them in a garbage pail to be sent to a pet food factory.

~chemical flavour enhancers to encourage pets to eat inferior ingredients including poultry digest (what goes through the intestines of a chicken , namely "poop" and artificial flavourings

~artificial colours (red, yellow and blue dyes known to be carcinogenic)

~chemical preservatives like ethoxyquin (rubber hardener), BHA, BHT, propyl gallate (suspected of causing liver damage), propylene glycol (a derivative of anti-freeze), potassium sorbate and sodium nitrite.

~mouldy grains that are unfit for human consumption (but cheap!!)

~peanut hulls (peanut shells!) used as a fiber source (would you eat these?)

~chemical contaminants found in meat that has not been raised organically (including drugs to euthanize these animals that gets passed on to your pet)

Remember that many of these chemicals and contaminants are not destroyed during cooking and processing and are still present in many foods found on the market.

There are many articles and books available on this subject including:

"Dr. Pitcairn's Complete Guide to Natural Health for Dogs & Cats" by Dr. Richard Pitcairn, D.V.M.

"The Nature of Animal Healing" by Dr. Martin Goldstein, D.V.M.

"Pet Allergies – Remedies for an Epidemic" by Alfred J. Plechner, D.V.M. and Martin Zucker

"Foods Pets Die For" by Ann Martin

We would encourage you to share this information with any pet owner who is not feeding high quality food that is known to be free of contaminants and chemicals. The label only tells you so much and it is very important to dig further – call the 1-800 number on the bag and ask for a written guarantee from the company that the food is made from non contaminated ingredients that have been raised organically for human consumption. If they are evasive, or refuse, doesn't this say it all??

If you haven't already checked out our web-sites, please do so at www.healthypaws.on.ca and www.naturespetherbs.com.

**In good health,
MIKE & LEE
(also Ilsa, Hershey, and Moxy)**

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