

What Is A Carnivore?

Dogs, cats & ferrets are scientifically classified as carnivores - meat eaters - just like lions and wolves. Their teeth and digestive systems are specially adapted for eating whole RAW prey: meat, bones, organs, fat and skin. Carnivores do not need carbohydrates, they get their energy from meat and fat.

Would you feed a steak to a horse? Would you expect a lion to be happy with a green salad? It is just as ridiculous to feed a grain-based diet to dogs and cats and ferrets. It is detrimental to their health, happiness and longevity.

Our domestic dogs, cats and ferrets deserve a wholesome, varied diet of fresh nutritious foods just like we do. A steady diet of kibble (dry pet food) is as bad for them as a diet of chips and fizzy drinks (with a vitamin pill on the side) would be for us. Would you feed your children that way?

What are dogs, cats and ferrets supposed to eat?

While feeding a variety of whole prey is ideal, it is not always possible, so a practical alternative is a variety of raw MEATY joints and organs, plus sensible table scraps. Don't just feed bare bones and chopped/minced raw meat. As much variety as you can - the more protein sources the better. Think chicken, beef, lamb, rabbit,

turkey, goat, venison, buffalo, pork, kangaroo, emu, fish, quail. Include the bone whenever possible, and keep pieces whole & large & MEATY. Buy from butchers, supermarkets, farm shops. Hundreds of raw-feeding breeders and thousands of happy, healthy raw-fed dogs can't all be wrong.

Is a raw diet expensive?

If you are resourceful and educate yourself with available supplies, you will find that feeding your pet appropriately is no more expensive than commercial pet food - even the so-called premium brands. And, the money saved from less frequent visits to the vet far outweigh the cost of feeding 'real' food.

What are the benefits of feeding a raw diet?

Here's just **some** of the benefits:

- *Healthy teeth and gums - no need for brushing
- *Vet bills reduced - no need for expensive dental treatments
- *No more 'Dog breath'
- *Say good-bye to skin allergies and make your dog happy and itch free
- *Overall natural immunity is increased, therefore reducing the effects of nutritionally derived degenerative diseases such as cancer, arthritis, heart disease, kidney disease etc.
- *Swap large volumes of sloppy faeces for a small volume of solid stool that is easy

to pick up and less hazardous to human health.

Why does my vet recommend commercial pet food?

Typically, veterinary colleges teach their students very little about nutrition. When lectures are given, they're often conducted by pet food company sponsored 'experts'. Students are also influenced in a variety of ways by the financial support offered to the schools by pet food companies - scholarships and awards, research grants, additional sponsored educational sessions, parties, clothing, free pet food for students pets. The concept is to keep the company's product name in the mind of the students so that they promote the product when they go into practice. Continued professional development, seminars and congresses are sponsored in the same way.

Many individual and group attempts have been made to change this practice within the veterinary community, but the financial dependence of the veterinary profession on the pet food companies is such that all attempts to challenge the veterinary associations and colleges are met with denial, hostility and sometimes derision.

United Kingdom Raw Meaty Bones Support & Action Group

.....is a non-profit group of pet owners committed to the health of their pets and dedicated to speaking up about the deficiencies of commercial pet food and the huge benefits of a raw meaty bone diet.

Sadly you will not get much support with raw feeding from most vets.....because of the huge ties between commercial pet food companies and the veterinary profession. Around 10% of vets in the UK do support a more natural way of feeding domestic carnivores.

We invite you to research the subject for yourself and you will eventually discover the truth about how we should feed our pets. Often, it is because of an illness in a pet that causes the owner to look hard at their pet's diet and the consequences of feeding a commercial diet. With the pet food companies huge marketing budgets and clever marketing campaigns, and being mostly supported by the veterinary profession, welfare organisations and the world of dog showing, it is no wonder most people don't know there is a problem until it is too late.....or until their pet becomes ill.

The people at UKRMB are here to help - if you need support or more information, please contact us.

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RESOURCES:

www.rawmeatybones.com

www.ukrmb.co.uk

www.usrmb.net

www.aussiermb.org.au

Join our Yahoo group

www.groups.yahoo.com/group/RawMeatyBones/

Some Myths dispelled:

www.rawfed.com/myths/index.htm

For Recipes (and a giggle):

www.RawFedDogs.net/Recipes.php

Books:

Raw Meaty Bones: Promote Health

Tom Lonsdale MRCVS

Work Wonders: Feed Your Dog Raw Meaty Bones

Tom Lonsdale MRCVS

(available from AMAZON and DOGWISE)

Other useful links:

www.groups.yahoo.com/group/rawfeeding/

www.groups.yahoo.com/group/RawChat/

www.groups.yahoo.com/group/RawPup/

www.groups.yahoo.com/group/RawCat/

www.groups.yahoo.com/group/NaturalFerrets/

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