



American Pet Nutrition – Position Statement Re:

FDA inquiry into DCM in dogs and Grain-Free Pet Food Products

Recently, the U.S. Food Drug and Administration (FDA) issued a warning to pet owners and veterinarians that it is investigating “reports of canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) in dogs eating certain pet foods containing peas, lentils, other legume seeds, or potatoes as main ingredients” – ingredients often associated with grain-free diets.

As assuring both the quality of our products, and the safety and health of animals is our priority, we are interested and supportive of FDA inquiries.

At this time, there is limited evidence connecting grain-free diets and incidents of DCM in dogs, particularly given the evidence to the contrary – in the form of millions of dogs that have enjoyed great health while being fed these diets for years.

If the FDA was to determine a hard linkage between grain-free diets and heart disease in dogs, we would certainly abide by any conclusions or recommendations as specified by the FDA.

In the meantime, we will continue to monitor and respond to any FDA statements or inquiries. We will also continue to produce the highest quality dog food products for pets.

Frequently asked questions:

Q: Are your pet foods/products safe?

A: Yes. Our products are produced under the strictest quality guidelines that exceed FDA, AAFCO, and USDA Industry standards.

Q: Do your grain-free products cause DCM in dogs?

A: At this time, there is limited evidence suggesting a clear connection between grain-free products and the incidence of DCM in dogs.

Q: What are you doing to assure your products do not cause DCM in dogs?

A: We are actively engaged with the FDA, and experts in this field of study, to validate and understand reports being generated about the linkage between grain-free diets and DCM.

Q: Do your products contain Taurine or is Taurine added to your food products?

A: Although our dog food products contain Taurine derived from our high-quality ingredients, we currently add Taurine supplements to our dog food products to ensure proper amounts of Taurine is available.