

Something to Chew on

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HEALTHIER FOOD FOR HEALTHIER PETS

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Raw Fed Dogs Produce Less Waste which is Better for Kidneys and Makes Pups Easier to Housetrain!



The amount of salt in dry pet food begins at 1%. This is the same salt content as salted peanuts. If there was no salt in the dry foods, the dogs would not touch the stuff.

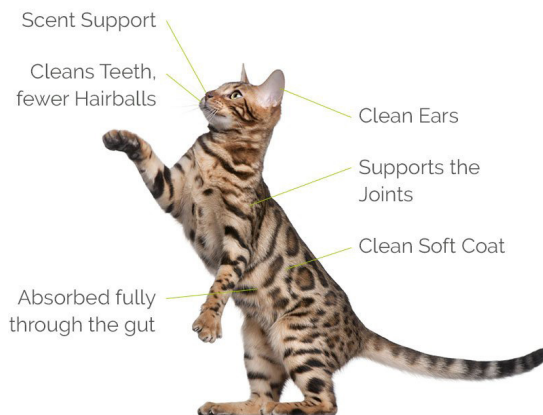
The average labrador requires 1gram of salt per day for normal function (NRC 2006). If a labrador is fed 500g of this high salt content kibble, they are consuming 5 times their RDA of salt in every single meal. Bear in mind if we humans eat 9g of salt per day instead of 6g we die much younger...and this figure multiplies for puppies who eat far more as a percentage of their body weight. Unless dogs are spitting salt out of their noses like marine iguanas, this is very bad news for struggling kidneys. Dry food companies recognize this and so sell reduced sodium dry food for when the problem sets in, which is so nice of them, after their product rotted those kidney in the first place.

An added benefit of lower salt diets is that pups are easier to train. As you might expect, dry fed dogs drink huge amounts of water, causing higher amounts of urine.

Then there's feces! The stool is the window of digestion. As fresh, species-appropriate pet food is easier to digest than ultra-processed pet food, it leads to improved digestion, meaning less feces. Stools from raw dog food also smell nothing like the stools from dry dog food, another little benefit.

Raw food diet for cats

The raw food diet has also become popular among cats and their owners. Like dogs, the wild ancestors of cats survived on raw, whole ingredients (with a greater focus on meat, since cats are meat-eaters by necessity. Swapping processed food for a raw diet has many of the same potential health benefits for cats as it does for dogs.



The Chew Dat Foods Philosophy

When it comes to caring for your pet, the one thing you don't want is to take any chances on their diet. Over time raw pet foods have been supplemented with and frequently replaced by processed alternatives – often with none of the properties required for the biological needs of your beloved cat or dog.

Whether meals or treats, our philosophy is to provide you with natural, healthy, and nutritious products that are:

- Designed with the health of your dog or cat in mind
- Tasty enough to ensure your pet will love eating them
- Ideal for pets with allergies

Growing Up Raw

By Jennifer Hanger

Although I can't guarantee everyone will experience what I have if they switch to raw, I can testify to the following as my experience since switching my dogs to the food nature intended.

• In 2012, I had two litters of puppies. One a litter of three and another litter of one. Very small litters but I was happy to have puppies.

In 2013 and 2014, I did multiple breedings with my beloved Saint Bernards. The results, NO PUPPIES.

I even did surgical implants in an effort to get a litter of puppies. Still, NO PUPPIES.

In 2015, I made the switch to raw and in September I was blessed with a litter of seven puppies. I was thrilled. Nice size litter, beautifully healthy puppies. I figured it was just a fluke and I was due a litter so I went ahead and did another breeding a few months later.

In February of 2016 my girl blessed me with a litter of 15, yes, fifteen puppies. All healthy and beautiful.

That is when I realized it wasn't a fluke, it was the food.

Not only did I have two back to back litters, but one was a normal size litter and the other was nearly twice the normal size litter.

Both mothers did great too. Nice healthy puppies and both moms had plenty of milk and neither momma got that normal "nursing mom" look. Their coats stayed healthy and shiny and they both kept a good weight even while nursing puppies.

In fact, the mother of 15, looked so good when her pups were 7 weeks old, that I entered her and took her to a show. She was happy to get a break from the puppies for the day and looked so good she actually brought home a blue ribbon.

Please feel free to contact me to share your raw experiences and stay tuned as I share more of my insights and experiences with my pets and feeding raw.