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Plug a feeding starting point to work from.

Statement. - Dogs are animals - even if "some" make them pets –
Then dogs are carnivores – even if "some" feed them an omnivore diet.

Know this >> the domesticated dog as carnivore ... call them pets if you
will - will behave and eat wild like carnivore predators.

Know this >> this by just looking at their natural behaviour, their
species appropriate diet as in the wild and their teeth.

Also true – our purposely confined domesticated dogs are not living in
the wild – mostly in our houses or confined to our yard - our dogs don't
have to fend for or hunt for food themselves – does confining them
change what Mother Nature intended the dogs to be or must eat?

Fact > A balanced canine diet will play the major role in any dog's
ability to maintain a healthy digestive and then a healthy functioning
immune system. (No arguments here).

This domesticated confined dogs (confinement means this carnivore as your domesticated dog does not live like real carnivores in the wild – they live within your confined space you allocate for them in and on your property).

This is the key to a healthy diet for our confined canine animals is variety ... to make up a species appropriate diet for them - balanced diet – if keeping a parrot – you will feed a parrots diet – is it not? Come to realize that some facts are beyond reasoning.

Then in a nutshell - the best homemade diets you can give to you “dog” will then include various cuts and parts of red and white meats, poultry, pork and venison meats ... then also with adequate fat and edible absorbable bones, organs and even blood and then with added needed supplements to the diet.

Today “some” needed commercial supplements,

Some raw fatty **fish,**

And or “some” supplementing with essential fatty acids (EFA Omega 3’s oils with EPH & DHA),

“Some” commercial or fresh multi strain probiotics product,

“Some” adequate added antioxidants (like vitamin E), vitamin C,

“Some” added raw green tripe, raw liver and various other organs,

“Some” raw eggs,

“Some” fresh dairy,

“Some” fermented foods like kefir – yogurt,

“Some” some correct prepared fresh produced vegetables & fruits,

“Some” selected by choice absorbable starch from certain chosen vegetables, grains, seeds - e.g. cooked rice pumpkin, winter squashes, sweet potato and legumes – as optional.

“Some” added commercial balanced multi vitamin minerals and trace minerals.

To top it off - clean filtered water daily for your dog.

Know this! - The simpler the diet, the more supplements will be needed.

{See list of supplements on this website – selected by choice and need.}

Note! >> All homemade diets require added calcium (unless the diet includes adequate raw meaty bones that are fully consumed).

Other supplements like needed digestive enzymes,

“Some” healthy herbs and spices may be needed especially if any of these food groups are left out of the diet.

Know this >> for extra calcium when needed – powdered chicken egg shell will do fine. *{Just Google the nutritional value of ordinary chicken egg shell – be informed – see related articles on this website}*).

Nutrigenomics – this concept holds that the nutrition we need as individuals (both humans and animals) depends on our genetic makeup. (It is just common sense?)

{See article about “Nutrigenomics” on this website.}

For every species their genes and the expression of genes are controlled by individual needed nutrients, which means you really need to personalized, and individualized functional nutrition for your dogs as carnivores.

It's of utmost important to understand how the nutrients we do feed our APBT dogs will affect their genes, and therefore, their health and longevity.

And in fact, if we know which nutrients are essential we can impact longevity, reduce the risk of chronic disease, skin problems and heal illness much more rapidly.

Nutrigenomics studies the effect of nutrition on the genome.

The genome is everything to do with the body — how it functions metabolically and genetically.

The genes are only a small part of the genome, about 2 %.

The other 98 % has nothing to do with the genes but with how the body controls what their genes do.

Every individual species has a unique molecular **dietary signature** that determines which nutrients that the individual should eat in order to thrive. {Simple as that - this is nothing new - just common sense.}

As breeder and dog owners, we can exert "some control".

For example, if your dog is a breed genetically predisposed to a certain health problem – you can through nutrition suppress certain genes so they don't express themselves, or encourage other genes to do the opposite.

For more information on this exciting field of research – see "Canine Nutrigenomics is recommended: The New Science of Feeding Your Dog for Optimum Health. Co-written by Dr. Jean Dodds"

Be informed >> *{Please find related articles about feeding your dog as carnivore on this website} ... because I care and am sure you will also care - different diets and combined diets to scrutinize as matter of choice.*

For the concerned dog owner, breeder and feeder - the simplest answer will be - bio-individuality.

This expression used in the human world - basically meaning that there's no one right diet that works for everyone or your dog - all of the time.

Rather, there are many factors that influence which foods will and won't nourish each of our dogs uniquely – individually at any specific time of your dog's life.