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Choices in feeding your dog

**Taking in consideration that we talking about the dog as carnivore.
Whatever you read whatever you feed – it will be by choice.**

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"Some" questions about how the meat as protein should be fed.

"Some" questions about other than meat as protein.

"Some" debating over whether dogs should be fed cooked, semi cooked or raw meet.

There's something to be said for both sides' and opinions.

About fats.

Ingredients to limit.

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Carbohydrates – starches.

Calcium.

Water.

Adding commercial supplements.

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Adding cooked food with some raw feed or commercial feed as combination.

Adding dehydrated food?

What about treats?

Looking at various vitamins.

Looking at various minerals and trace minerals.

Looking at fat, bone and organ content.

The crux of the matter is whatever you feed ...

- 1) Will have to be digested – fully, in part or just pooped out.
- 2) Will or will not have proportional ready nutrition in ready safe form and of value needed for the dog and needed by a dogs digestive system, geared to utilize and benefit from the taken food.
- 3) Will or will not place the body of the dogs biological system under strain to digest any inappropriate non species appropriate food.
- 4) Every living species digestive system will or will not have the ability having a natural species appropriate digestive environment with natural populated needed friendly bacteria and enzymes to create the ideal conditions to digest and cope with any harm causing bacteria, viruses and certain nutrition during the process.

Note! Dogs do not under normal circumstances produce the necessary enzymes in their saliva (amylase) to combat large quantities of starches like grains ... corn and soy.

The pancreas will be unnaturally taxed to produce amylase when faced with loaded non-species appropriated grains and other type foods – even if the feeder means well.

Considering your APBT's dog's diet will be futile if it did not include and consider the arguments about feeding the domesticated dog.

Come to know the open discussion of what are being promoted by experience feeders, hence the value thereof and first looking at all dog-feeding principals and related issues.

{Also find various related information to consider on this website}

The need for reliable needed nutritional information is fundamental to the task of maintaining both the systemic health and the reproductive capability of dogs.

More so for your APBT - the ultimate dog today.

01. The raw species appropriate diet for carnivores.

Raw meat, organs, blood and bone is species appropriate for all canines just like Mother Nature intended.

Carnivore - No matter the economy of the jungle, the carnivore never eat grass / greens in any form – it's not pride it's just who they are.

Whole prey – “prey animal concept” is the perfect feeding method for the carnivores.

Relating to the dog as carnivores diet: – Carnivore wolves types and wild dog types are biologically designed to be just that - carnivores and mainly do eat prey animals – then the complete prey animal ... hide, blood, organs, meats, bone - they don't eat the content of the hoof prey animal stomach – but do eat the all the meaty parts of the stomach without the content – they might roll in it.

Dr. L. David Mech stated - dogs have the same physiology as wolves, and that physiology includes *no* teeth and eating method that can break down the cellular structure ... of grains, plants, vegetables and fruits, and their digestive system is not totally able to extract nutrients from those plants.

If dogs – carnivores *needed* vitamins and minerals from plants, their physiology would have reflect that.

It does not.

{Yep ... it does not – including these items is by the feeders' choice and or convictions}.

Mother Nature never "gets it wrong," and in the dog's structure, digestive system and DNA it proves dogs are carnivore.

Without species appropriate nutrition, any and all other efforts at achieving and maintaining our dog's good health can be only somewhat successful at best.

We can all agree that without proper needed absorbable nutrition, there is a much greater need for medical intervention and specific supplementation.

In feeding your domesticated dog (in human care – your care) it simply means to assist the dog's body in dealing with things the immune system should be capable of dealing with on its own.

Without proper absorbable needed nutrition every virus, every allergen, every parasite, every bacterium and every fungus becomes all the more pervasive, powerful, and **dangerous** – especially in the your dog's digestive tract (this is the war zone) and therefor capable to weakens the immune system - not because they are strengthened in any way, but because the body's ability (friendly digestive bacteria and enzymes) to fight them off ... is otherwise dramatically suppressed.

Dr Lonsdale's "Raw meaty bones" (RMB – reveal it all - evening from nose to tail) – raw meaty diets.

The "Lonsdale" method, otherwise known as "raw meaty bones" – the "whole prey diet" – eating the complete prey animal meat, bones, organs, blood and hide principal was positively introduced by veterinarian Dr Tom Lonsdale.

This terminology of "raw" food diet for dogs is based on attempting to replicate how dogs would be eating if they were still in the wild – just as Mother Nature intended.

He discovered the worth of this method of feeding over a period of time as he saw the poor health of the dogs brought into his veterinarian clinic.

After researching the link between diet and disease, Tom Lonsdale came to the conclusion that a raw food diet is the best (nature own) way to reverse common problems and boost the health and longevity of dogs.

Tom Lonsdale show clearly that highly processed (heat processed) foods (especially the dry pellet commercial dogs diets) – are responsible for a weakened digestive system, deprived immune system resulting in increased rates of cancer, skin problems, allergies, gum disease, plus many more diseases and conditions.

Have you ever seen a carnivores under a tree cooking their prey or grazing in the field on greens and grains?

The Lonsdale raw food method for dogs is based on - as the name implies, raw meat, fat, organs, blood, bones and hide that produce optimal health in any type of carnivore, then for our domesticated dogs.

75% (50% raw meat and 25% raw fat)

Note! ... When feeding lean meat cuts you have to add raw fat, 10% edible and absorbable raw bone sinuses and cartilage (ribs chicken wings and portions of edible bone).

15% organ meats – (not including the heart) ...
organ meat should make up about 15% of your dog's total diet
5% should be liver
5% other organs & heart
5% green tripe.

A VISUAL GUIDE TO FEEDING ORGANS

Provided to you by The Raw Feeding Community

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FEED AS ORGANS

These secreting organs are very rich in nutrients and should make up around 10% of your pet's diet.



Liver

-Should make up half of all organs fed.



Kidney



Spleen



Brain and Sweetbreads

-Sweetbreads include the thymus gland, pancreas, and sometimes the brain.



Testicles

FEED AS MEAT

These organs and offal cuts are made up of muscle and connective tissue. They can be fed as regular meat.



Heart

-Very rich in phosphorus so it should not be fed in large amounts.



Gizzard



Tongue



Lung and Trachea



Green Tripe

-Be sure to feed green tripe, not the bleached tripe found in stores.

-See the Visual Guide To Tripe for more information.

MEAT

OR

OFFAL



MEAT

Heart

Lung

Cheek

Tongue

Penis

Diaphragm

Trachea

Green Tripe

Gizzard



OFFAL

Liver

Spleen

Kidney

Pancreas

Brain

Testicles



Whole prey model diet – not just pre cuts from any carcass ... just as in nature ... the whole animal hunted and killed for food.

Whole hoofed prey animals, other prey animals, birds, rodents, reptiles and sometimes fish and some eggs is used in this method

this as food and eaten over time after the kill and daily added to their diet with scavenging what they can find.

If it can walk, run, crawl, swim or fly it will be on the menu.

Contrary to the name, it is not necessary (not always possible in our modern time and specific living circumstances) to feed a whole animal and to practice this method.

That is why an RMB mimic diet works perfectly – a made up diets mimicking proportionately “the whole animal as diet”.

To follow the whole prey model RMB, aim for >>
80% various meat cuts – whenever possible - then various meats to make up this 80% - any animal bird or reptile - (50% meat, 30% fat containing meat +- 10% edible easily absorbable bone – (avoid heavy supporting bones from large ungulates – teeth breakers).

Red meat is preferred but not essential and add 10% organ meats (5% liver and 5% "other" organ meats).

The whole prey model RMB is heavy on the fact that dogs in the wild also have proven to also eat raw fish, will also scavenge for small rodents, reptiles, birds and bird eggs and sometimes when hungry “might” eat a small % seasonal fruits and nibble at berries in the wild when and if the opportunity present itself.

This is why there is a strong bias to eating “whole animals” – everything of that animal to get “proportionally whole” balance – some hide/skin, hooves, horns, head, and more so the all the available meat portions, blood, internal juices and organs.

When feeding a well-balanced home prepared raw animal diet there is no need to over supplement - with the exception of some eggs and also some fresh and stable fish or fish oil (or other) – that you can

offer for the shortfalls in omega 3 essentials "EPA & DHA".

These EFA's are usually obtained by the seasonable and other raw fish wild wolves and other carnivores do eat – also found in certain portions of the prey animal meat..

These important fatty acids also obtainable by feeders in feeding raw unprocessed chicken feet or as a specific purchases supplement.

Two most common errors:

1. Bone content in the meal >> Much too much bone or not edible easy digested raw meaty bones.

Realize - 10% in the raw diet make up is tiny - realizing chicken, turkey and birds can contain 44% or more in bone, so choose the boneless parts or add extra raw meat cuts without the bone to an only bony meal to bring it into proper balance.

2. Moisture content of the meal >> Mammals need moisture to facilitate digesting their food properly – realizing raw meat contain 70% moisture - and if that moisture isn't provided in the food itself, they have to drink high amounts of water to compensate.

In the wild all the intestine juices and blood and the wet raw meats make out the bigger part of the meal – but an important part - easily absorbed lend content of the digestive system, stomach and colon - soggy and absorbable – also lends to stool content and correct texture to pass out relatively easy.

If you've ever had (and I'm sure you have) the misfortune of seeing a dog or pup throw up the dry commercial pelleted food, you'll notice those uniform chunks come out just the same way they went in, as complete rounded pellets – just a little swollen from all the moisture they robed and was sucked into it from the intestinal tract.

To really clean the teeth biting into and fighting the meat and bone and finishing the small sinuses and meaty particles on bone is perfect for the job.

Know this! - There is no moisture in dry feed.

Very often, dogs gulp down large amounts of water after consuming dry commercial feeds, to try to moisten it after consumption, in a bid to facilitate digestion.

When dry feed come in contact with digestive moisture it swell in size (do this with a cup of water), and when this happens in the GI tract or stomach after a meal is eaten, it can increase the risk of bloat or gastric torsion in dogs that are prone – a potentially fatal problem leading to chronically dehydration.

This dehydration can give a dry fed dog that tell-tale 'bloated' look caused by water retention in the body's tissues.

The digestive system then has to rob moisture from the tissues to help it digest each dry commercial meal.

Supplementing the raw meat with home offered diet.

Certain natural supplements could and should be added regarding correcting digestive tract friendly bacteria, fats oils and nutritional herbs then added address any shortfalls with created homemade recipes of any kind.

{Also see related information to consider on this website about nutrition, supplements, probiotics, lactobacillus bacteria's, enzymes, minerals, vitamins, trace elements, essential fatty acids, bovine colostrum, glucosamine and chondroitin, dairy products, some needed herbs and spices (because of the shortfall of natural herbs and spices in commercial fed animals), fish, eggs and honey and more.}

In order for some feeders to try and balance home prepared raw feeding ... some vegetables, herbs and spices, legumes and fruit in small quantities (then never more that 15 %, proportional to the

food offered for specific nutrition “could” be added and may and usually are beneficial if that’s the way you want to go ... because you care – this in the contexts of balanced nutritional values.

2. BARF diet – grain free feeding method.

This funny sounding acronym for a specific type of processed dog food as a given “raw dog” diet, stands for Biologically Appropriate Raw Food.

BARF can also stand for bones and raw food.

This diet is then based on feeding your dog specific amounts of food, which can be expressed as a percentages.

It is generally recommended that dogs on a BARF diet eat between >>

... 60 – 80% raw meaty bones (various cuts from various animals) and mostly as big birds and chickens necks and wings.

The remainder of the raw dog food diet –

Based on a 20 – 40% split of the following foods:

... raw fat, green tripe and organs, eggs, dairy, some fruits, vegetables, herbs and essential fatty acids.

This model of raw dog food is available from several sources commercially, but can also be obtained in commercial ground up pellet form if you intend going this way.

The famous Barf Diet dog food line then based on the recipes of Dr. Ian Billinghurst.

Dr. Ian Billinghurst, created a grain-free raw dog food diet based on living enzymes.

Note! ... grain free.

The living enzymes in raw food allow dogs to receive all the natural nutritional benefits of raw food that are often cooked away in processed dog foods.

Since the products are grain-free, they do not contain fillers and typical allergy irritants.

BARF diet recipes contain meat, organs, ground bones and "some" vegetables and fruits.

The bones are finely ground for safe consumption.

3. Organic and holistic feeding method.

There is a growing trend world-wide towards natural and organic food for humans and animal alike.

With this in mind "some" commercial dog food companies are jumping on the bandwagon and try align themselves with this up and coming lucrative market by making claims that their dog food is natural and holistic.

Then claims their feeds being "naturally preserved and safe" or contains only "natural preservatives" or "organic content."

Questioning this >> are these natural preservatives "natural" and more importantly can they claim to be totally safe?

Vitamin A, Vitamin C and Vitamin E are the main preservatives used in order to claim that food is natural, even if it is in the form of commercially dry feed or canned.

Obviously, frozen food need not be preserved as freezing food is already a natural preservative.

About organic foods.

The term 'organic' refers to ingredients that have been grown

without the use of pesticides, synthetic fertilizers, sewage sludge, genetically modified organisms (GMO's), or radiation.

Animals that produce meat, poultry, eggs, and dairy products do not take antibiotics or growth hormones and must be fed only organic feed, and raised in an environment that meets organic standards. There are three basic organic definitions.

'100% Organic' means that a product is made with 100% organic ingredients.

'Organic' means a product has been made with at least 95% organic ingredients.

'Made with Organic ingredients' means a product contains a minimum of 70% organic ingredients ...

with strict restrictions on the remaining 30% including no GMOs (genetically modified organisms).

Know this! ... Only products with 70% or more organic ingredients may use the term 'organic' on the principal display panel of a label.

Products with less than 70% organic ingredients may list organically produced ingredients on the side panel or ingredient statement of the package, but may not...

make any organic claims on the front of the package.

The main thrust in this matter are how is farming land converted to organic?

Converting farming and grazing land to organic status is a three-year process.

There is a two-year conversion process consisting of building up the fertility of the land.

Produce grown in the first year cannot be stated as organic.

In the second year produce may be stated as "In Conversion".

It is not until the third year that produce may be stated as fully organic.

Soil and natural fertility building are important parts of organic farming.

Organic farming is more labour and management intensive and in some circumstances can be more susceptible to the threat of damaged crops since they are not treated with chemical fungicides, pesticides and so on...

Organic farms are usually smaller than conventional farms and so do not benefit from the economies of scale that larger growers get.

This is the reason why organic feeds cost more.

The old saying "you get what you pay for" is applicable with organic dog feeds.

4. Commercial pre-processed feeding method.

Pre-processed commercial feed became part of life if that is your choice.

If you choose commercial processed feeds it will be viable to select a "brand" you are comfortable with that "might" present the best nutrition "of this type" money can buy (do some research realizing better will be better).

Also realizing that vitamin supplements and EFA's can (in most cases have to) be added.

Argumentative >> This is a statement and my opinion ... many dog feeders believe dogs should eat only meat protein.

Yes and no and maybe?

But the fact is they do require a variety of meat as protein +- 80% of what you feed in the feed pan.

Then a small % "some absorbable carbohydrates" and vegetables, fruits, herbs, fats and EFA's to meet their basic nutritional requirements.

Realize the concept of “whole food as complete balance” is almost never possible in our modern era ... in feeding dogs as carnivores.

If dogs eat only protein, they will lack important vitamins, and this can lead to deficiencies and even thyroid problems.

If they do not receive enough protein, they may suffer from poor immune function, muscle deterioration and blood disorders.

That goes for fat content bone content and specific organs and blood as well.

So, a balanced offered diet is essential and should be your goal.

Pet food manufacturers now use 'mixed tocopherols' (a claimed source or form of vitamin E), citric acid, beta-carotene and Rosemary extract as preservatives found in various vegetables and grains ... because not like freshly kill meat ... dry feeds need to have a prolonged rack life.

Know this! ... high levels of vitamin E became the most widely used antioxidant in dog foods today and can and might disrupt the activity of the other fat soluble vitamins, namely vitamin K (menadione), vitamin A (retinol), and vitamin D (calciferol).

Vitamin C, as synthetic ascorbic acid, can even be dangerous in mega doses (like with anything in nutrition over supplementing) and yet it is a very common "natural" preservative.

Vitamins in their isolated and synthetic form can stimulate or suppress various systems of the body and can lead to biochemical imbalances.

This covers up the symptoms allowing a given disease process to remain unchanged or progressively worsen.

The naming of your chosen "brand or food" can also be deceptive. For example, as a dog food manufacturer they may get into trouble if they claim the food is natural and pure.

But if the name of the product includes the words "natural" or "pure", then that is permitted (you need to know about this).

Even with human products, food or cosmetics, this is a tactic that is often employed content.

Know this ... even a well-known pet food managed to fool the consumers by calling their dried food "holistic" because it was in the name.

However, when one looks at the label, all the ingredients remained the same, except they included a small quantity of "spirulina". This certainly does not make the bag of food holistic or natural.

This the truth ... The highest quality of nourishment comes from whole natural and enzyme-active foods that are not refined, processed, cooked or laden with preservatives.

The challenge is to understand your chosen pet food labels and ingredients so that you can best decide what is truly natural, free of preservatives and nutritious for your dog.

5. Home cooking feeding method.

Home cooking is part of human life and prepared cooked or partly cooked meals for dogs also do form part of your choice.

This method is generally followed because then you can choose the fresh items, wash and prepare them (cooked, semi-cooked, steamed, blended or not cooked) and feed your dog.

Herewith a suggested and recommended feeding ratio.

45% normal cut meat protein with normal edible bone and fat

content,
add 10% organs,
add 10% edible and digestible bone, (because commercial meat cuts are lean),
add 10% raw fat,
add 10 % chosen fresh vegetables and fruits,
add 10% absorbable starch like brown rice, sweet potato and pumpkin/squash,
add 5 % fish.

This are their needs over time, it does not mean that every recipe that you select contain these proportions.

Each of the food categories has a wide variety of ingredients from which to choose see recipes on this website.

The most important aspect is that the ingredients be fresh and contain no additives or preservatives.

Manny variations are then followed and diets are also modified to include cooked or raw meat with fresh or cooked produce and added supplements fish, EFA or herbs. It simply stand to reason that fresh food is a better alternative to commercial dog food mixes that usually contain chemical preservatives and questionable protein sources.

Fresh foods deliver more nutrition per kg and digest quickly.
Additionally >> fresh foods tend to cause less allergic reaction in dogs and then it might be a plus to cooking for your dog.

A basic dog food diet should contain protein, vegetables, carbohydrates and a small amount of additional fat, omega 3 supplements with EPH & DHA and some herbs to provide balanced nutrition.

This said >> there are some questions about how the meat as protein should be fed.

First, there is some debate over whether dogs should be fed cooked, semi cooked or raw meat.

Dogs as carnivores in the wild ate raw meat before they threw in their lot with humans, so you can argue that eating raw meat is natural for canines.

On the other hand, some people believe that it is safer (just for safety reasons and certainly there are reasons) to cook the meat before feeding it to their dogs, even though this will compromise some of the nutrients.

There's something to be said for both sides' and opinions.

You can also add blood and carcass processed meal as supplement.

Fats - your dog will receive some fat from the protein content of your mix, but it may not be enough to maintain healthy skin and coat ... out of 80% protein 30 % should be raw fat.

You can add a little extra fat to your dog's diet, but do it sparingly or you could wind up making the dog obese – lazy dogs go fat quickly.

If the dog goes thin feed more if the dog goes fat feed less.

Good fat sources include raw fat from meat, and or EFA's from fresh fish / krill oil, cold pressed coconut or flax seed oil.

Ingredients to limit, while not harmful to dogs, should only be used on a limited basis:

Butter, added salt, since many canned ingredients already contain salt and cooking oils, such as canola oil or coconut.

Vegetables and fruits – from the viewpoint that dogs are carnivores first and foremost, but adding “some” veggies and fruits to their diet is believed to also provide a special natural source of vitamins, fibre, minerals and antioxidants.

Highly easy digestible veggies and fruits include – cooked or canned pumpkin, cooked sweet potato, carrots, beetroot, green beans, peas, broccoli, in small amounts, spinach and other leafy greens.

Fruits like apples, banana, and water lemon.

Vegetables and fruits should make up no more than +/- 10 -15% of the new cooked diet, and if not soft then can be run through a food processor before being added to the mix. You will know what the dog do not eat by the leftovers in the feed pan.

Carbohydrates - starches - could make up the remaining +/- 10 % of your dog's diet.

They do provide energy and help form firmer stools.

They can also serves a function as to aid the thyroid gland functioning properly.

Highly digestible carbs include – oats porridge, pasta, brown or white rice, lupines, oats germ meal and barley.

Always cook these items before adding them to your mix.

Calcium - some vegetables do supply “some” calcium to your dog.

But the following foods can also be added to the mix - cottage cheese -plain yogurt -powdered milk.

You can also add a raw chicken / turkey or bird feet, head or neck or 2 or a tea spoon finely crushed chicken eggshells per 7kg of dog.

Water - dogs need water just like people do – more so if feeding dry commercial.

You should always have fresh filtered water available for your dog, but you can also add one desert spoon fresh apple sider vinegar per L of water.

Adding commercial supplements.

Because of the commercial accepted force of “complete balanced vitamin & minerals” a complete vitamin mineral supplement for dogs can be added to these products.

Also and more so enhance to whatever you feed a probiotic “friendly digestive bacteria or enzymes” – note adding any commercial probiotics ... to be added over any food

or drink – but never over hot food or drink – heat will destroy the enzymes

Other needed supplement you can add.

Fatty acid base supplement.

What you can add and are lacking in most cooked and commercial feeds is omega 3 as fatty acid base supplement.

Fresh fish oil /krill oil are the best – then also / flax oil (not processed) – be aware of most processed vegetable oils because heat destroy the nutritional value –

therefore best to opt for cold pressed not heat processed oils.

Mixing it up to suit your way of thinking.

Some dog owner's uses a preferred chosen best brand commercial food with added raw meat and edible bone and then "some" add table scraps or purposely cooked semi cooked or pureed vegetables and fruits and herbs.

Having said this, "some" human grade vegetable matter (certain) vegetables and fruits, yogurt (and dairy), digestible grain types, digestible herbs and spices -

with occasional table scraps is a normal norm, tats by choice realising we humans and our dogs live in the modern age.

The question to answer is, is are what I feed the best option for my dog?

Without any arguments and being a caring dog owner, whichever type of feeding model you then choose - whether it is –

1. Raw meat, organs, blood and bone - "whole prey animal concept" feeding method.
2. BARF diet – grain free feeding method.
3. Organic and holistic feeding method.
4. Commercial pre-processed feeding method.
5. Home cooking feeding method.

One thing is clear - your dog's diet should be close to what it would be eating if it were in the wild, as nature intended your dog to eat.

As "acceptable" alternative.

Adding cooked food with some raw feed or commercial feed as combination.

As an alternative not to resort to commercial supplements, some try to compensate with other foods in their dogs diets to make up the deficiencies of vitamin and mineral etc.

Then by simply add vegetables, fruit, herbs, grains, and dairy products to their carnivores' diets.

Complex recipes are developed that create a wide range of foods for the dog that must be cooked, steamed, blended, raw blended etc. in order for the dog to receive "proper nutrition".

By accepting your dog as a carnivores then the carnivore dog once again have an omnivorous diet forced upon them in order to help them obtain "all the appropriate nutrition" that could simply be had by feeding nature's own and natural variety of raw meaty bones and organ meats.

Simplicity and perfection are traded for complexity and imperfection.

There should be a defined goal with feeding.

To strive to feed a fully nutritional balanced, absorbable meal and then food that "can be utilized" by your dog and more importantly be absorbed by the canine dogs digestive system, supplying maximum load of ingested nutrition that satisfied all nutritional needs.

What should the acceptable results then be?

To have a healthy and strong dog that can and will stay healthy and strong, with a well-developed functional digestive and immune system, capable to fight off diseases, bacteria,

Know this! ... Exercise goes in hand with nutrition.

Most important are to providing appropriate exercise (dogs in the wild easily run and trod +- 22 km daily) and tender loving care for

your dog, this is the least any owner can do for their dog.

Always consider reviews, research results and suggestions by various nutritionist's, suppliers and dog breeders – you never too old to learn.

By keenly observing much publicised and noted information available on the internet or studying this subject will enlighten you, will make you think, and will enable you to make the choices that can benefit your dogs.

What about treats?

Treat became an important part of dog nutrition and a training tool for the food-motivated “domestic dog” as well, and should always be considered as part of the dog's total food intake for each day.

Before the era of commercial processed dog feeds what did our dogs as carnivores eat?

In the wild the carnivore's dog's types like wolves, wild dogs, jackals etc. hunt prey animals and forage for food.

Carnivores floss and brush as they eat their natural raw meat hide and bone diet.

This natural carnivore species appropriate food provides them with the nutrients necessary to combat the chemical effects of chronic inflammation too.

Their diets did not include cooked meats, grains or today's commercial formulas.

Raw diets include fresh meat with bones from animals and fish hunted and this of course created a natural balance in nature.

Then if nothing has changed, why not feed raw?

Only man has changed – become more and more dependant of technology and accustomed to the rat race we live and operate in. Before the era of commercial processed dog feeds dogs were also fed raw or home cooking.

Looking at some pros and cons of commercial pre-processed feeds.

Today in our modern age in the general thought is that most dog keepers are happy to feed their dogs commercial dry pre-processed pellet food that is easily available and feeding this way need no real preparation, it easy to feed and to top this, the label guarantee the product and content, assures you that their product is a “balanced nutritional meal” and if you read the label, it impressively state meat ingredient, many vitamins, minerals, oils and fats.

Dog owners have been and still are feeding these commercial feeds and learned to coexist with smelly dog turds and stinky dog breath. Dogs are dogs they proclaim and dogs are supposed to smell, right? Dogs have to relieve themselves and picking up behind them are expected of any good dog owner?

Then also true > what are causing the smelly breath, dog smell and sticky smelly turds – ever wondered?

Within the past 50 years or so it has finally been recognized that stinky breath is a problem for dogs because it underlies a bigger problem “periodontal disease” – their teeth!

The dog industry has played this off well, then bringing about an era of dog chews, dental bones, toothbrushes, toothpastes, plaque-scraping foods and chew bones and toys and a menu of supplement, etc.

More things to spend your money on because your dog needs them to be healthy?

The problem of big smelly dog turds and “periodontal disease” has everyone up in arms (as we know at dog shows your dog’s teeth will be checked), as these turds pollute our parks, sidewalks, streets, and communities and causing an ever continuous teeth decay.

It is the responsible owners who have to suffer, as the turd problem has resulted in stricter leash laws, dog ownership laws, and in some communities an outright 'dogs are not welcome or allowed' attitude

and rotting teeth.

This ushering in the plethora era of 'quick fixes' to help manage these problems.

Pooper-scoopers, waste digesters, special scooping baggies to carry with you on walks – periodically cleaning teeth and or live with broken and rotting teeth and immune compromised animals.

The modern tendency testing everything brought shocking results resulting in the “complete balanced dry commercial dog feeds. Proven studies and scientific results provide alarming results - that by applying heat during processing the commercial feeds many of the vitamins, omega acids, carbohydrates and starches and protein values are changed and altered losing their nutritional values causing periodontal disease, various digestive, organ and immune system problems and ultimately make the dry dog feed of little value.

Then the animal feed producers came up with adding to their recipes extra enzymes and various processed vitamins etc. so that our dogs will digest more of their dry feed products to make up for what was lost during heat processing in the first place.

Has anyone ever questioned why they do not treat these obvious problems their food are causing the dog and animals?
Rectifying it at the source instead of just dealing with the symptoms as they surface?

Yes, dog owners, veterinarians and scientists have questioned this as well - the whole idea of feeding dogs processed feeds and their factual investigation results speak for themselves.

The era of vitamin supplements for animal and humans alike was the new revolution, adding “supposed to be needed” multifunctional vitamins for human and animal became the trend.

Just page through a newspaper magazines on TV and radio, internet, Facebook and see the volumes of vitamin advertisements and relevant information regarding feeding the canine dog today.

Feeding dogs became a controversial but also an important issue.

Today - feeding the modern canine as domesticated dog and pet and working dog is a controversial but also an important issue.

Those veterinary experts, animal nutritionists, breeders and dog owners who support raw diets claims raw meat, organs and edible bones as balanced valued nutrition that are superior to commercial formulas and argue that dogs receive complete balanced nutrients from raw food.

{Find "some" related info and suggestions about nutrition for dogs on my website www.pitbullsa.co.za}

Use the following free lists to find foods with the most vitamins and minerals you need.

You can also get custom lists using the nutrient ranking tool.

Vitamins

Top Ten Foods High in Vitamin A

Top Ten Foods High in Beta Carotene

Top Ten Foods High in Vitamin B1 (Thiamin)

Top Ten Foods Highest in Vitamin B2 (Riboflavin)

Top Ten Foods High in Vitamin B3 (Niacin)

Top Ten Foods High in Vitamin B5 (Pantothenic)

Top Ten Foods High in Vitamin B6

Top Ten Foods High in Folate (Vitamin B9)

Top Ten Foods High in Vitamin B12 (Cobalamin)

Top Ten Foods High in Vitamin C

Top Ten Foods High in Vitamin D

Top Ten Foods High in Vitamin E

Top Ten Foods High in Vitamin K

Top Ten Foods High in Lycopene

Minerals

Top Ten Foods High in Calcium
Top Ten Fruits High in Calcium
Top Ten Vegetables High in Calcium
Top Ten Foods High in Copper
Natural Foods High in Iodine
Top Ten Foods High in Iron
Fruits and Vegetables High in Iron
Top Ten Foods High in Magnesium
Top Ten Foods High in Manganese
Top Ten Foods High in Phosphorus
Top Ten Foods High in Potassium
Top Ten Fruits High in Potassium
Top Ten Vegetables High in Potassium
Top Ten Foods High in Sodium
Top Ten Foods High in Selenium
Top Ten Foods High in Zinc
Top Ten Foods High in Zinc (Fruits Only)
Top Ten Foods High in Zinc (Vegetables Only)
Nutrients

Top Ten Foods High in Calories
Top Ten Foods High in Carbohydrates
Top Ten Foods High in Sugar
Top Ten Foods High in Cholesterol
Top Ten Cholesterol Lowering Foods
Top Ten Foods High in Fiber
Top Ten Foods High in Saturated Fat
Protein

Top Ten Foods High in Protein
Cheeses High in Protein
Beans and Legumes High in Protein
Top Ten Fruits High in Protein

Top Ten Vegetables High in Protein

Grains and Legumes with the Highest Protein to Carbohydrate Ratio