

Dear Senators

I'm one of the many pet owners that are absolutely fed up with the self regulation and not having to specifically specify all ingredients in the bag, tin or packet. This includes food as well as treats. Awful things like propylene glycol can be added to pet products to keep products moist particularly in Prozym chews that are sold at vets...this is an absolute joke because vets are supposed to keep our pets healthy not help to make them sick.

Dogs aren't supposed to eat wheat, they don't in the wild, which a lot of pet food manufacturers use as a filler instead as well as rice and potato starch to bind kibble so pet owners are not aware of the hidden sugars that are contained. The manufacturers should be made to state percentage of sugars also carbs etc.

I don't want to give my dog diseased or euthanased animals because pentobarbital will be ingested by my dog and can kill. Nor nasty preservative chemicals such:

propylene glycol

[Ethoxyquin](#)

- [BHA](#)
- [BHT](#)
- [TBHQ](#)
- [Propyl gallate](#)

and should only be able to use natural preservatives such tocopherols etc.

I'm sure if you have animals you don't want to reduce their lifespan or making them sick by feeding inferior products. I don't trust pretty much all the commercial pet food companies which is why I have to buy human grade meat etc and being retired it's already hard enough to make ends meet.

So in essence, we pet owners should be able to pick up a bag of food and not have to worry whether it will contribute to a shorter lifespan or not.

Thank you for undertaking this enquiry and please raise the bar to a much higher standard than is current.

Regards
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