

# Petsumer Report - FDA allows Diseased meat in Pet Food

FDA openly allows diseased meat and rotting animal carcasses into pet food...without warning you.

The truth pet food consumers are not told...

The FDA.



The screenshot shows the FDA website's "Inspections, Compliance, Enforcement, and Criminal Investigations" section. The page title is "CPG Sec. 690.300 Canned Pet Food". A red oval highlights the following text: "Pet food consisting of material from diseased animals or animals which have died otherwise than by slaughter, will be considered fit for animal consumption." The page also includes a table of contents on the left and a "POLICY" section at the bottom.

The Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act governs the safety of **all food**, meaning the food you eat and the food your pets eat is supposed to be held to the same standard.

Despite this, the FDA has written what they call "**Compliance Policies**". Compliance Policies are FDA decisions to what part of the law they are going to enforce, and what they are going to ignore.

***"Pet food consisting of material from diseased animals or animals which have died otherwise than by slaughter, which is in violation of 402(a)(5) will not ordinarily be actionable, if it is not otherwise in violation of the law. It will be considered fit for animal consumption."*** – FDA Policy

The above FDA Compliance Policy means – dead, diseased, decomposed, dying animals – **illegal materials** are freely allowed to be used in pet food. With no disclosure to consumers.

There are many more FDA Compliance Policies that allow filth contaminated ingredients, rodent or bird feces contaminated ingredients, and even chemical contaminated ingredients into pet foods.

## China

In 2007, thousands of dogs and cats in the U.S. died due to contaminated pet food ingredients sourced from China. In the ten plus years since this deadly pet food recall, the FDA has received reports on the death or illness of thousands of pets linked to Chinese imported jerky treats.

You'd think that massive recalls would deter pet food manufacturers from using Chinese ingredients, but that's not true. Actually, dog food and cat food (as well as their ingredients) imports from China have increased by more than 30 million pounds in just five years! (Source: Food and Water Watch)

## Misleading Advertising.

Pet food labels and/or television commercials lead petsumers to believe the pet food is made from fresh meat and fresh vegetables. Some products show images of grilled meats on the label – however, not one pet food is made from grilled meat. Some include pictures of prime cuts of steak on the label or include a specialty meat in the product name. But, thanks to numerous FDA Compliance Policies (675.100, 675.200, 675.400, 690.300)...

A pet food label can show *this...*



while really containing *this*.

**Why is Petsumer Report any different than all the other pet food review sites?** Petsumer Report is the ONLY pet food review publication by someone who is deeply involved in the pet food regulatory system; Susan Thixton. Susan represents consumers as advisor to AAFCO's Pet Food Committee and Ingredient Definitions Committee. She also represents pet food consumers with FDA. Started in late 2015, Susan is on the AAFCO committee that is developing updated pet food labeling regulations (which by the way, Congress required FDA to complete this work by

September 2009. FDA has done nothing on this work, they simply passed the responsibility over to AAFCO – 6 years past the deadline).

Petsumer Report has done the homework for pet food consumers so that you don't have to blindly trust the pet food label. Reviews are based on laws and the years of consumer advocacy experience of Susan Thixton. Petsumer Report provides: grade/quality of ingredient, country of origin of ingredient, GMO information, shelf life, alerts to risk ingredients and much, much more on more than 4,000 pet foods and treats.