

What Do You Feed Your “Best Friend”?

As you know, Rocky Plains Quality Meats is dedicated to bringing you the best locally raised meat products for human consumption. Man’s best friend has been in the news big-time this week with the recall of many brands of dog and cat food. So what do you feed your best friend? If your dog or cat were running wild and fending for itself, what would it be eating? During the winter, we had two dogs visit our ranch. I figured they had been dumped in the country and were trying to survive. On two separate occasions I saw them feasting on freshly caught rabbits. My cats keep our rabbit population down by catching and eating the young rabbits. This is a natural diet for our best friends. So why do we pour something hard and dry out of a bag or open a can or pouch of who knows what to feed our dog or cat?

We have had farm animals die on our ranch from time to time. There is a company to call that will take the carcass away. These carcasses are what are the basis for commercial dog and cat food and it doesn’t matter what the animal died from! Do you really want to feed your dog or cat another diseased animal?

I believe this food recall that we are hearing so much about will be a wake-up call for many of us to re-examine our best friends’ diet. If we truly love our animals and want to see them live a long, happy, healthy life, it is time to reconsider what we have them put into their bodies. Animals are suffering from many of our human diseases. More and more research is showing that many of our human diseases such as diabetes and cancer may be caused by our diets. A diet of convenience that is processed foods that end up being mostly chemicals and sugar, or “fast food” made from animals on large corporately owned facilities that are fed things you don’t even want to know about!. Commercial dog and cat food is often very similar. They add many cheap fillers in the way of grains and what, wheat gluten? Many dogs and cats are showing food allergies from these fillers and now it seems such fillers are causing kidney failure!

For years now I have shopped at a natural dog and cat food store. I also take our dog Sheba to a Holistic Veterinarian. What I have learned between my vet and my shopping experience is that a natural diet for my dog is raw meat. I feed Sheba raw buffalo mixed with organic baby vegetables, as well as raw chicken and salmon. To this I add either flaxseed oil or salmon oil. She also gets our natural dog treats made from our buffalo and garlic, our natural raw buffalo bones and the occasional rabbit that she catches herself. (We have the dog treats, raw bones and ground buffalo available at our store.)

Many of our customers bring their dogs to hang out with Sheba while they shop and many of them have their best friends on a raw diet. A raw diet allows us to know exactly what our dogs and cats are eating and we don’t have to worry about “mystery meat” or dangerous added fillers. Yes, this diet is more expensive and maybe a little more time consuming than buying it in a can until you consider the vet bills and the possibility of losing your dog or cat way before it’s time. If you are interested in more information, come by to chat or give us a call. Rocky Plains Quality Meats, 4002 CR 11, Dacono, Co. just east of the Colorado National Speedway or call us at 303-833-3791.