

## Nutrition Resources

### [American Academy of Veterinary Nutrition \(AAVN\)](#)

- Members are veterinarians, Board-Certified Veterinary Nutritionist® specialists, veterinary technicians/technologists, animal nutritionists, graduate and veterinary students, as well as non-veterinary professionals interested in animal nutrition.

### [2021 AAHA Nutrition and Weight Management Guidelines](#)

- These comprehensive guidelines were prepared by a Task Force of experts convened by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) and were subjected to a formal peer-review process.

### [American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine \(ACVIM\)](#)

- “The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of animals and people through education, training and certification of specialists in veterinary internal medicine, discovery and dissemination of new medical knowledge, and increasing public awareness of advanced in veterinary medical care.”
- Members of the ACVIM include Board-Certified Veterinary Nutritionist® specialists as of October 1, 2021.

### [American College of Veterinary Nutrition \(ACVN\)](#)

- Members are Board-Certified Veterinary Nutritionist® specialists working in government, academia, the animal feed, pet food, and pharmaceutical industries, as well as private and specialty practice.
- **IMPORTANT:** As of October 1, 2021, Board-Certified Veterinary Nutritionist® specialists and residents in training have joined the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM).

### [American Association of Feline Practitioners \(AAFP\): Environmental Needs Guidelines](#)

- The American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) and International Society of Feline Medicine (ISFM) released the Environmental Needs Guidelines in March 2013. These Guidelines are organized provide the framework for a healthy feline environment regardless of the cat’s lifestyle.

### [Association of American Feed Control Officials \(AAFCO\)](#)

- This organization provides a forum for its members and industry representatives to safeguard the health of animals and humans, ensure consumer protections, and level the playing field for commerce in the animal feed industry.

### [Association for Pet Obesity Prevention \(APOP\)](#)

- “The Association for Pet Obesity Prevention (APOP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the awareness, prevention and treatment of pets with obesity and weight-related disorders.”

### [Canadian Academy of Veterinary Dermatology \(CAVD\)](#)

- The CAVD is a not-for-profit organization intended for everyone with a professional interest in veterinary dermatology and is a member organization of the World Association of Veterinary Dermatology.
- The mission of the CAVD is “to advance the science and practice of veterinary dermatology in Canada by providing education and resources for veterinary teams, supporting research, and promoting excellence in care for animals with skin and ear disease.”

### **Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA): Policies – Pet Food**

Import: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/imports/policies/animal-products-and-by-products/pet-food/eng/1321129023397/1321129556426>

- The CFIA regulates pet food imports and related products to prevent animal diseases from being introduced into Canada.

Export: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/exports/animal-products/health-certificates/pet-food/eng/1372183019382/1372183063848>

- Animal health certificates and sanitary requirements for export of pet foods to other countries.

### [Canadian Nutrient File](#)

- Extensive database of nutrients in many human foods, including some well-known commercial products (such as baby foods, human breakfast cereals, processed products, etc.).
- **IMPORTANT: Always consult with your veterinarian before giving human foods to your pet, since some foods that are safe for humans can be toxic to animals.**

### [Cat Healthy](#)

- Cat Healthy was created by Canada’s Board-Certified Feline Specialists as an initiative to help more cats receive the preventative healthcare they need to live longer, healthier lives.

### [Consumer Lab](#)

- Independent testing of human and some veterinary nutritional supplements; this is a subscription-based service with reports available on whether or not a product contains ingredients listed on the label, or whether there are potentially harmful substances included but not on the label.
- **IMPORTANT: Always consult with your veterinarian before giving a dietary supplement to your pet, since some products that are safe for humans can be toxic to animals.**

### [European College of Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition \(ECVCN\)](#)

- The ECVCN is recognized throughout the veterinary profession for the high standards of its members, known as Diplomates of the ECVCN. Diplomates are Board-Certified in veterinary nutrition, similar to ACVIM (Nutrition) Diplomates.

### [European Society of Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition \(ESVCN\)](#)

- The ESVCN Congress is organized annually in a European city and is hosted by the respective university. The Congress lasts approximately three days and covers a wide variety of topics pertaining to both veterinary and comparative nutrition fields.

### [Food & Drug Administration \(FDA\) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition](#)

- The FDA (or Food and Drug Administration) has several websites to learn about regulatory and food safety issues, adverse event reporting, and general industry information.

### [Food & Drug Administration \(FDA\): Pet Food](#)

- Information on pet food safety issues, including regulations, labelling requirements, pet food recalls, reporting portal for complaints, etc.

### [FEDIAF \(The European Pet Food Industry Federation\)](#)

- FEDIAF represents around 650 pet food member companies in 26 European countries and cooperates closely with the EU authorities, regulators and academics to provide pets in approximately 70 million pet owning households with safe, nutritious and palatable products through its members

### [International Veterinary Information Service \(IVIS\)](#)

- IVIS is a not-for-profit organization that provides information to veterinary teams and animal health professional free of charge (e.g. publications organized in electronic books, proceedings from meetings, short courses, international calendar of veterinary events, etc.)

### [The Kibble Queen™](#)

- Unbranded, factual nutrition information for veterinary teams from a Board- Certified Veterinary Nutritionist® and CAVN President, Dr. Jackie Parr, BSCh, DVM, MSc, DACVIM (Nutrition).

### [Mayo Clinic Drugs and Supplements Information](#)

- Look up herbs, vitamins and supplements to learn about interactions, dosing, evidence, etc. from a human perspective.
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### [NIH National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health](#)

- This is the Federal Government's lead agency for scientific research on the diverse medical and health care systems, practices, and products that are not generally considered part of conventional medicine.

### [NIH Office of Dietary Supplements](#)

- This NIH site is devoted to human dietary supplements, with a small amount of information being applicable to animals.
- **IMPORTANT: Always consult with your veterinarian before giving a dietary supplement to your pet, since some products that are safe for humans can be toxic to animals.**

#### [Ohio State University's Indoor Pet Initiative](#)

- Helpful handouts for new pet owners and/or those facing challenges with the multi-pet household; suggestions for environmental enrichment, resources, etc.

#### [Pet Food Industry](#)

- Industry-based website that provides information on market data, top performing pet food companies, and the Pet Food Knowledge Center.

#### [Pet Food Institute \(PFI\)](#)

- PFI is focused on:
  - “Advocating for legislation, regulations and technologies that support the domestic manufacture and global distribution of safe, quality pet food and that provide for consumer choice;
  - Promoting pet food safety innovation in manufacturing and handling practices;
  - Delivering information about issues impacting pet food makers, their suppliers and distributors, pet lovers and other relevant stakeholders; and
  - Communicating the benefits of pet ownership to the general public at large.”

#### [Petfoodology](#)

- Blogs dedicated to the scientific study of pet nutrition written by Board-Certified Veterinary Nutritionist® specialists Dr. Cailin Heinze, Dr. Lisa Freeman, and Dr. Debbie Linder.

#### [Pet Nutrition Alliance \(PNA\)](#)

- The Pet Nutrition Alliance PNA is recognized and respected for its leadership and practical approach to improving pet health through proper nutrition.

#### [Pet Nutrition @ OVC](#)

- Blogs written by the Ontario Veterinary College and dedicated to “Improving lives, one bowl at a time.”

#### [USDA Food and Nutrition Information Center](#)

- Information on various nutrition and food safety topics including food security, nutrient composition, food defense, and local food systems

#### [FoodData Central](#)

- Extensive database of nutrients in many human foods, including some well-known commercial products (such as baby foods, human breakfast cereals, processed products, etc.).

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#### [Weeth Nutrition](#)

- Blogs focusing on “common sense veterinary nutrition” written by Board-Certified Veterinary Nutritionist® specialist Dr. Lisa Weeth.

#### [WikiVet](#)

- WikiVet is a large collection of online veterinary educational resources.

#### [World Small Animal Veterinary Association \(WSAVA\) Global Nutrition Committee \(GNC\)](#)

- In 2011, detailed Global Nutrition Guidelines were published to help veterinary healthcare teams around the world to ensure that dogs and cats receive nutrition, which is tailored to their individual needs. These Guidelines are available in multiple languages, have been endorsed by 31 member associations and have been published in 17 journals.
- In 2012, the Global Nutrition Toolkit was published, containing a suite of resources to assist practitioners to educate pet owners that each pet should receive an individual nutritional assessment. As of 2016, the Global Nutrition Toolkit contains 19 tools which are available in multiple languages.