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## New Article - Arthritis

The following are just a few facts (of many) about pet food labels, ingredients and production thereof. We are not going to discuss specific brands but this is to make you think critically and investigate your pet's diet, not go by hearsay, the "opinion net" or a new hot food gimmick.

Nutrition is the basis for good health. Genetics we cannot influence in our pet and environment has a minimal impact compared to nutrition. In the middle ages, humans lived an average of 30 years. Today the average life span is 75-85 years. Why? It is proven that genetics haven't changed. The answer is better nutrition and medical care. This is also true for our pets. Wild k9's of various types and small felines only live 6 to 8 years, while our domestic pets live 2 to 3 times this due to better

nutrition and medical care. This is also seen in wildlife such as possums living 2 years in the wild and 5 to 7 in our care. Skunks, Raccoons and Ferrets often live to 10+ years but in the wild 4 to 6 is average.

Fact-Dogs are not carnivores (most people already know this). They cannot synthesize all of their required nutrients from protein as felines can who are true carnivores. Dogs are omnivores and if you observe them at the kill they always consume some of the intestinal contents of the herbivore (ie forage) to ensure their vitamin/mineral balance. There are other points like longer small intestinal length, 23% compared to 15% for a carnivore as well as flatter molars for grinding and chemical reactions in the carnivore that do not occur in the k9.

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