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The Pet Food Debacle: Dental and medical research perspectives

Mistakes are the portals of discovery. James Joyce

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Medical mistakes don't come much bigger than this: Since the 1860's when Jack Spratt founded the processed pet-food industry the world's pet carnivores have increasingly been fed a junk food diet at every meal.

Carnivores are especially susceptible to periodontal disease and a range of other diet induced diseases. The pandemic of dietary diseases spawned a treatment oriented veterinary profession that developed ever more elaborate diagnostic and treatment protocols, but failed to consider the simple dietary prevention perfected by nature — raw meaty bones.

In 1991 a group of Sydney vets presented the simple science with the massive ramifications:

- 1.) The majority of pet health issues relate to a junk food diet.
- 2.) Periodontal disease runs at epidemic proportions, is both a signal of poor diet and of other systemic diseases.
- 3.) Dietary prevention is cheap, easy and available.
- 4.) The alliance of veterinarians (health care professionals) with the junk pet-food industry should cease.

Since 1991 a considerable body of veterinary clinical evidence has been accumulated. In 1992 the reversibility of immune system depression was demonstrated following multiple tooth extractions and change of diet.

Rather than observe the first rule of medicine 'Do no harm' the veterinary establishment and pet food industry moved to quash opposition and to form alliances with related professions in order to obscure the issues. Against this background of active suppression we can consider the immense health benefits for pets and how those benefits reflect on human dental and general health:

- At a community health level pet owners, who see the marked transformation in their pets when fed a more natural diet, work to improve their own and their family's diet. Tooth brushing and flossing becomes a much higher priority.
- Impact of diet and dental health on carnivore research animals should be considered in experimental design and results interpretations.
- Dietary and dental impacts on carnivores presents immense research potential in the study of human diseases, including cancer, affecting the vascular system, immune system, skeletal system and joints, liver, kidneys, skin and other body systems.

For further information please see: Attached papers (Periodontal disease and leucopenia & Cybernetic Hypothesis), *Raw Meaty Bones: Promote Health* and www.rawmeatybones.com

