



MIDWESTERN PET FOODS, INC.

FDA/DCM Report Statement **June 28, 2019**

We have reviewed the FDA's recent report regarding grain-free pet foods and a potential link to DCM (dilated cardiomyopathy). This report does not provide any scientific findings linking nutrition and DCM. Rather, FDA is simply attempting to gain more information as part of its evaluation process.

Congenital heart disease has been recognized in 0.56% to 0.85% of dogs for many years (Detweiler and Patterson, 1965). The report only touches upon the genetic or congenital prevalence of the disease, hinting that the disease may have a nutritional component without suggesting a nutritional solution.

It has been recognized that taurine, an amino acid, may be helpful for dogs with full onset of DCM. Since their introduction, we've fortified our grain-free recipes with taurine, amino acids and L-Carnitine as prudent nutritional considerations.

Midwestern Pet Foods' utmost priority is to provide safe, high quality nutrition. Our recipes are created by a board certified animal nutritionist (PhD), use only FDA permitted ingredients and make nutritional claims permissible by the FDA. Additionally, our recipes closely follow FDA sanctioned nutrient profiles published by AAFCO (American Association of Feed Control Officials).

We take the nutrition and health of pets very seriously. We will continue to do everything possible to ensure that our products are safe and nutritious.