

Until more is understood about the causes of Nutritional DCM



Educate yourself! Consult with a Veterinary Nutritionist, talk to a veterinarian, or consult peer-reviewed resources of pet nutrition.



Check the ingredient list! Overall, no more than 1 potato, sweet potato, or pulse; and NOT in the first five ingredients.



Follow WSAVA Guidelines: Feed food from producers that i) employ a veterinary nutritionist, ii) control their own production lines, & iii) conduct AAFCO food trials.



Still unsure? Most foods produced by Eukanuba, Hills Science Diet, Iams, Purina, and Royal Canin meet the WSAVA guidelines.



Pulses

Peas, Lentils,
Chickpeas, and Beans

Know the Signs of DCM

- decreased energy
- cough
- difficulty breathing
- episodes of collapse
- exercise intolerance

DCM can cause sudden death, contact your Veterinarian!



DCM can develop without displaying symptoms for years



A Veterinary Cardiologist can diagnose DCM with an echocardiogram

Nutritional DCM may be reversible if identified!



Resources

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Veterinary Nutritionists

Directory of ACVN Diplomates - www.acvn.org/directory
Resources and advice from Tufts University - www.petfoodology.org

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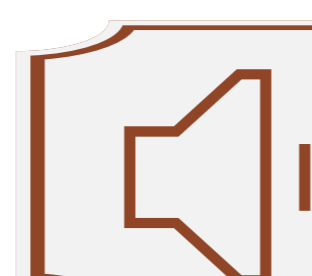
Pet Nutrition Toolkits

WSAVA Global Guidelines - www.wsava.org/Guidelines/Global-Nutrition-Guidelines
Home Cooked Diets - www.balanceit.com
PNA Manufacturer Report - <https://petnutritionalliance.org/chart/index.php/manufacturer-report>

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Online Community

Taurine DCM - www.taurinedcm.org



Petcardia now offers DCM Screenings at a reduced price for symptom free pets

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