

**RESOLUTION #5—2024
Regular Winter Session**

Submitted by
Board of Directors

**REVISED POLICY ON RAW OR UNDERCOOKED ANIMAL-SOURCE PROTEIN IN CAT AND
DOG DIETS**

RESOLVED that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the revised policy on Raw or Undercooked Animal-Source Protein in Cat and Dog Diets as noted in the [attachment](#) (additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struck through~~).

Statement about the Resolution

The Food Safety Advisory Committee (FSAC) reviewed the policy on Raw or Undercooked Animal-Source Protein in Cat and Dog Diets. The recommended revisions are to:

- List dogs first instead of cats, because such products are more often used to feed dogs than cats;
- Emphasize that in addition to cooking and pasteurization, alternative methods that reduce or eliminate the risk of illness due to pathogenic contaminants may be considered;
- Remove mention of irradiation so as to avoid indication that any one particular alternative to cooking or pasteurization is superior to another;
- Remove references previously included in the policy as they are out of date and unnecessary;
- Include that apparently healthy animals can still pose a risk to animals and humans and that handling raw diets can pose a risk to humans; and
- Remove mention of particular methods to minimize risk associated with raw diets and instead, directly reference AVMA's resource on Safe Handling of Pet Foods and Pet Treats, which more comprehensively addresses such preventive measures.

Editorial revisions are also suggested to improve clarity.

Because revisions were extensive, a clean version of the updated policy is provided as [attachment 2](#).

No external member comments were received on the policy.

Financial Impact: None

	Board of Directors	House Advisory Committee	Reference Committee #	House of Delegates
Recommend Approval	X	X		
Recommend Disapproval				
Recommend Referral to...				
No Recommendation				
Recommend Postpone Indefinitely				

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