



Tri-County Humane Society

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March 2020

Celebrating a Fantastic 2019!

- ✓ Kitty Korner!
- ✓ 3,300 adoptions!
- ✓ Great staff & volunteer efforts



And An Even Brighter 2020!

... with a new shelter on its way!



MISSION STATEMENT

We believe in the human-animal bond and exist to support Central Minnesota by practicing and promoting quality adoption services and education programs.

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Monday—Thursday 12-6 pm
Friday 12-8 pm
Saturday 11-5 pm
Sunday 12-5 pm

Message From the Executive Director

Tri-County Humane Society (TCHS) has come a long way since our humble beginnings in 1974. Our 93 percent placement rate in 2019 reflects hard work and dedication by staff and volunteers, as well as significant financial contributions from supporters. The animals for which euthanasia was deemed necessary were not decisions that were taken lightly. With the new city impound contracts added in 2019, we encountered more dangerous dogs and therefore it affected our placement rate. However, you'll soon see that it didn't interfere with our placement numbers, which soared higher than ever before. Tri -County Humane Society is truly a place you can be proud of.

We are the reflection of your care and concern for animals.

At TCHS, we serve a much needed and important role in our community helping companion animals find caring people. We love helping make happiness happen – and we're really, really good at it! Happy endings have been happening here for many years and it won't be long before they're being made in our NEW SHELTER! You heard me right and it bears repeating – our NEW SHELTER!

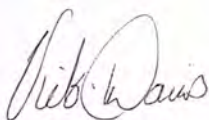
The time has come and it's really happening! The building is being built!

I wonder how many of my messages over the years have made mention of our need and dream of a new shelter? Without counting, I can assure you it's been many. With that said, I can honestly say we didn't jump into this willy-nilly. I think there were times we did our homework twice – just to be sure things hadn't changed too much since the last time. But it's all going to pay off. Behind where I sit today is the shell and beginning of a wondrous new chapter for TCHS.

A brand new building on our current land, incorporating the newest ideas and best practices in animal sheltering, will allow our staff and volunteers to do an even better job. This will be a place of greater comfort and help for the animals. It will be a place where we can expand our humane education programs for children. And it will be a new source of pride for the entire community.

Highlights from our annual report (see Page 4) show some of the great work from 2019 that Tri-County Humane Society was able to accomplish. You'll see amazing statistics and outstanding programs showing how we've embraced new models of effectiveness and efficiency in the service of both people and pets. It was truly another stellar year for TCHS, all made possible by the generosity of people like you who care about animals! We can't wait to see what 2020 brings.

Thank you— on behalf of the animals,



Vicki Davis, CAWA

P.S. Stay tuned as we move out the back door and into the front door of our new humane home. With your help, we can continue to shape a true humane "society."

P.P.S. Due to COVID-19 some of our activities will be rescheduled. Please bear with us and watch the website & social media for updates!



Our Current Wish List

For the Animals

- Help support our new shelter! (See happinesshappenshere.org for details)
- Kitten milk replacer
- Puppy milk replacer
- Money for veterinary expenses
- Feliway for cats**
- Adaptil for dogs **
- Canned (pate) cat food**
- Rabbit/guinea pig food**
- Timothy Hay**
- Toys for animals (including gently used ones)
- Meat-flavored baby food
- Heating pads

For the Shelter

- Gift cards to local businesses/ fleet stores for pet/office/shelter supplies
- Laundry detergent
- Hand soap
- Hand sanitizer
- Rubbing alcohol
- Clorox wipes
- Paper towels
- Facial tissue
- Toilet paper

For our Special Events

- Silent auction items, such as new or handmade items, event tickets (sports, museums, concerts, plays, movies, etc.), unique experiences
- Bottles of wine for Wine, Kibbles, and Bids
- Plastic totes (medium & large)

A Note About Pet Food Donations:

We try to make sure that a meat protein source is the first ingredient in the food we feed to the shelter pets, and we avoid food with a lot of dye in it. Thank you for considering their digestive health when making a donation.

For the Office

- Color/white copy paper
- Postage Stamps (Forever and postcard)
- Scotch Tape
- Batteries (all sizes)

For the Volunteers

- **Foster homes!** Big need: Bottle baby kitten fosters, fosters willing to take puppies (with or without mom, but no bottle feeding)
- Animal transporters
- Birthday party hosts/ hostesses
- Kitty Korner volunteers

Recycled Items for \$\$

- Aluminum cans
- Vehicles
- Used ink cartridges (no large toners please!)
- Gently Used Pet Supplies

** denotes sold in our Re-Tail Shoppe!

Save the date for our Kitten Shower!

Tri-County Humane Society is again hosting a Kitten Shower to prepare for our very busy kitten season. *TCHS took in 1,311 kittens last year – whew!*

While kittens bring so much joy, they also bring a lot of work and needs!

We hope to hold the Kitten Shower from **1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 25th**, at the TCHS Training Facility behind our shelter. It will feature fun games, snacks, and, of course, kitten cuddles!

Admission is \$2 per person and/or \$5 per family, or an appropriate in-kind donation – high-quality kitten food, Kitten Milk Replacer, non-clumping cat litter, etc.

Please watch www.tricountyhumanesociety.org for more details or necessary changes to the scheduled date, or keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram accounts.



Shop at TCHS

Find funny, quirky, even sassy animal-related novelties at TCHS' Re-Tail Shoppe in our lobby!

We've got a ton of products that will show your love of all things dog, cat, or critter. (They make great gifts, too!)

The best part: All the proceeds go back to our pets.



2 Ways to Buy Once and Give Twice:

- ① Shop our Re-Tail Shoppe for items with a "Buy Me 4 Shelter Pets" sticker! Because you purchased at TCHS, 100% of the profit benefits the animals, and we get items on our wish list!
- ② Shop our Amazon Wish List using Amazon Smile! Visit our website (*Get Involved—Donate—Wish List*) for the link and details!

2019 Annual Report Highlights:

Shelter Revenue	2019	2018	2019 %	2018 %
General Contributions	\$1,431,751	\$502,130	60.5%	39.9%
Fundraising	\$181,562	\$221,798	7.7%	17.6%
Grants & Bequests	\$103,571	\$11,686	4.4%	0.9%
Education	\$20,635	\$15,994	0.9%	1.3%
Shelter Income	\$627,444	\$507,898	26.5%	40.3%
TOTAL	\$2,364,963	\$1,259,506	100.0%	100.0%

Shelter Expenses	2019	2018	2019 %	2018 %
Program Services	\$139,935	\$145,868	13.0%	14.5%
Management & Development	\$277,129	\$256,009	25.7%	25.4%
Marketing & Fundraising	\$75,443	\$70,121	7.0%	7.0%
Shelter Expense	\$585,171	\$535,492	54.3%	53.2%
TOTAL	\$1,077,678	\$1,007,490	100.0%	100.0%

Capital Campaign Fund	2019	2018
Capital Campaign	\$518,815	\$123,020

\$1,000,000 donation from Shelter Revenue has been board-designated to the Capital Campaign.




Placed 3,668 pets
(Placement Rate: 93%)



Received
2,700 Cats



Received
979 Dogs



Received
276 Other Animals



Performed
2,354 Surgeries



Placed
1,161 Pets in Foster Homes



Volunteers worked
17,900 Hours

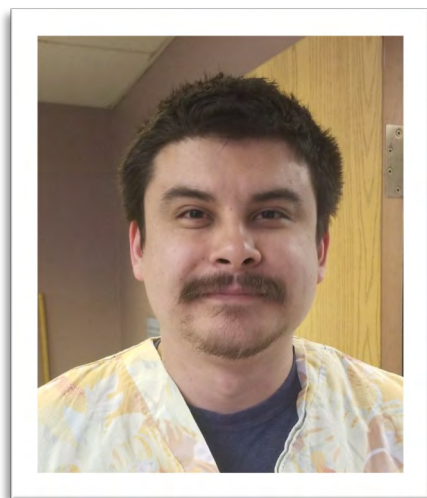


Finished 2019 with
22,867 Facebook Followers

2019 Volunteer Highlights:



Tracey Worzala
Adult Volunteer of the Year



Joey Lucius
Above and Beyond
Volunteer of the Year



Kaylan Kremer
Junior Volunteer of the Year

A Purr & Wag of the Tail to...

Amazon Smile Customers who select Tri-County Humane Society as their charity. We received \$435 in the last quarter.

Everyone who made TCHS' **Tending for a Cause at Beaver Island Brewing Company** such a huge success. Board Members Blair Schrader and Bill Nelson were our volunteer bartenders, encouraging support with our friendly Cats. Vs. Dogs tips jars (cats won!). Paws-up to the TCHS Board of Directors for planning this fun event, which raised \$1,671. (And thank you to Erbert's and Gerbert in downtown St. Cloud for donating sandwiches!)

McDowall Company, their employees, and their families for donating the proceeds from their Halloween Family Fun – fundraiser to the TCHS new building fund.

Waffle-It, for donating from its third anniversary fundraiser.

Anderson Trucking Employees who selected TCHS as their charity at their holiday party.

Danny's Dugout and **St. Cloud Area Golden Gloves Boxing** for sponsoring meat raffles to benefit the animals in our care.

Members of the **St. Cloud Unschooling Network** who hosted a craft show, donating proceeds.

Mrs. Oeding's fourth-grade class in Becker was gifted \$25 from the gratitude project to donate to someone who could use it. They talked about gratitude and how it feels good to help others in need and then donated the \$25 to Tri-County Humane Society. "We know you work tirelessly to help animals find good homes and help those that are ill."

Employees of **Viking Coca-Cola** for providing food for the animals as part of a holiday fundraiser.

Cloudy Town Sam's RV Club for donating supplies to care for the animals.

The **Janel Morgan Team** for selecting TCHS as one of their charities of the year in 2019.

A percentage of each home sale was donated to one of three nonprofits. In January, Vicki Davis accepted a check from The Janel Morgan Team for \$9,400.

Members of **Cold Spring Snap Fitness** who participated in a challenge fundraiser for the animals – win/win!

The **ADDA Club** at **St. Cloud Technical & Community College** who made and sold holiday items benefitting TCHS.

FS3 Inc. of Annandale for hosting its annual "Going to the Dogs" Charity Golf Scramble and matching the proceeds. In December, the group presented a check to TCHS for \$9,000.

Minnesota Truck Headquarters for making TCHS part of its "Race to 300" event. A portion of each vehicle's sales during the event were donated to charity – and **TCHS received nearly \$10,000.**

Callan's Furniture and its customers for making TCHS a recipient of the Charity Furniture event.

Girl Scout Troop 636 for donating part of its proceeds to doing a supply drive for TCHS.

Petco in Waite Park for hosting Pictures with Santa, which in part benefited TCHS pets. (Thanks also to the volunteers who staffed this event!)

Red Carpet Events Center for hosting our annual Bloody Mary and Chili contest in January.

G Allen's for hosting a meat raffle to benefit Tri-County Humane Society.

Crossroads Center for its partnership with Tri-County Humane Society for Gift Wrapping for a Good Paws. (Thanks to all the volunteers who did so, too!)

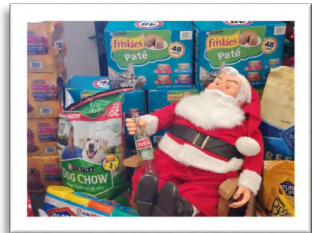
All the businesses that **host our coin banks** to support our shelter – and all the volunteers who collect the money for us!



Tending for a Cause



McDowall Company



Viking Coke



Janel Morgan Team



Girl Scout Troop 636

 **Spay-ghetti & meat NO Balls Dinner** 
tricityhumanesociety.org/spay-ghetti

Due to COVID-19 concerns, this event will be scheduled for a later date. Stay tuned!

Tickets \$10 each online, at TCHS or at the door.

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Fun Fact:

The hearing of the average cat is at least five times keener than that of a human adult.



Starting in January 2020 we are publishing our donor list a little differently to allow us to take a "deeper dive" into other topics in each newsletter. **Memorials and Honorariums** will be published in the issue nearest to the date received.

Kenel Sponsors will be published in Issue 2; **Constant Companions** in Issue 4;
and all other donations (from throughout the year) will be published in Issue 1, which is this issue:

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Donations of time and talent by hundreds of volunteers, donations of products and services by area business, and donations of money by so many people who care. **Thank you for saving lives!**

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Gerre Ahlstrand

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Kelly Sayre

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Warren Determan

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Dave Ernest

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Robin Olson

Trista
Jamie Fuchs

Uno
Micki Blenkush & Dan Michaels

Vincent
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Lana Nornberg's Birthday
Rebecca Benoit
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Liz Morrison
Rosemary Marx

Lois Larson's Retirement
Shawn Howard

Lori Berman's Birthday
Jacob Berman

Mary & Harley "Biff" Smith
Jacquie Weide

Nora Vonnegut
David Ullrich

Our Grandchildren
James & Patricia Mondloch

Rachel & Doug Hoffman
Diane Dutcher

Reyna Danusis's Birthday
Janie Danusis

Ryan Becker's Birthday
Crystal Sticha

Sarah Larsen
Darius & Cindy Larsen

Sharon Bertrand
Vickie & Todd Waytashek

Sheryl Rocheleau
Missie Torborg

Stacey Spadafore
Joseph Spadafore

Sue Wahl Storbeck & Irene Wahl
Maxine Storbeck

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Donna Keller

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Jim & Joanne Schultz

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- Wednesday, April 1, 5-6 p.m.
- Saturday, April 11, 1-2 p.m.

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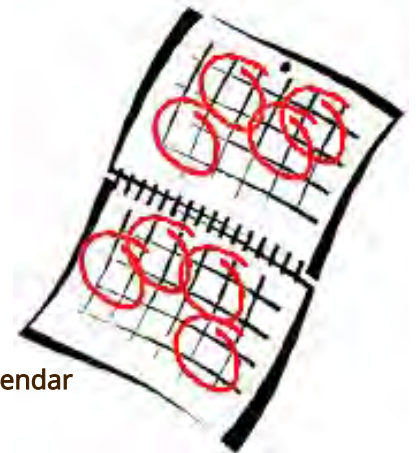
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Saturday, March 28th—
Spay-ghetti and (no) Meat Balls
Dinner to benefit TCHS

Friday, April 17th—
Wine, Kibbles and Bids

Friday, April 25th—
Kitten Shower

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Due to COVID-19 concerns (Kitty Korner is tiny—hard to maintain “social distancing”), Kitty Korner is closed until further notice. All cats are at TCHS.



Tri-County Humane Society was lucky to count many successes in 2019, but one of the most significant ones was opening the TCHS Kitty Korner.

The use of the building at 1715 1st St. South in St. Cloud was generously donated by Jim and Brenda Feneis. The concept: A one-stop shop for cat enthusiasts; the cozy space can house up to 10 to 15 cats and kittens who are already spayed/neutered, microchipped, and ready to be adopted. (At the main shelter, all felines are spayed/neutered, but sometimes there's a brief delay before adoption so that surgery can be completed.)

TCHS Kitty Korner opened in mid-June, with TCHS staff and volunteers tending to the cats and helping customers find their new best friends. As of mid-March, more than 330 adoptions have been completed there.

The response to the Kitty Korner from the St. Cloud community was immediately positive. Customers loved the one-on-one interaction with TCHS staff and volunteers, and the kitties appreciated the quieter setting (no barking dogs!) with plenty of natural sunlight streaming in the windows. In fact, Kitty Korner has become a great place for shy or skittish TCHS cats to thrive and find their homes faster.

The Kitty Korner has helped give TCHS another option for much-needed feline housing, Animal Care Manager Laura Lund said. TCHS took in 2,700 cats and kittens in 2019, and new contracts with area cities, including St. Cloud, upped the demand for TCHS' services.

Jim Feneis, president of East Side Oil Companies and First Fuel Banks, says he and Brenda were happy to help TCHS with this endeavor. He said they were encouraged to support Tri-County Humane Society by their good friends, John and Cherie McDowall. Jim also has some personal reasons for the cause, besides loving cats: He suffered heart failure in May 2015. He now totes around a 6-pound computer and battery pack – “carrying my heart on the outside.”

“That gave me a second lease on life, and Brenda and I feel so good about giving back,” Jim said.

And Executive Director Vicki Davis said TCHS is so happy to have connected with Jim and Brenda Feneis. “The opportunity for Kitty Korner couldn't have come along at a better time,” she said. “Ironically, when I was looking for an off-site adoption location, I used the building we have Kitty Korner in now as an example of what I was looking for. Just as ironic was finding out Jim Feneis owned it and I knew he had a soft spot for cats. The rest is history.”

The Kitty Korner building is up for lease or sale, but until then, it will be filled with furry residents looking for homes.

“It's just a very good feeling, and we want to keep you guys in there as long as we can,” Jim Feneis said.

Who Rescued Who?

“I adopted Watson from Tri-County Humane Society in 2005, which makes him 15 years old. Since he was from a stray litter, his actual birthdate was unknown. I decided Feb. 2nd was good because it is Groundhog Day, which is easy to remember, and near the estimate of his birth.

I got him as a companion to my older cat who had lost her two other playmates. They never learned to get along, but Watson kept trying to induce her to play by pulling on the short hair on her head with his teeth. That would only make her rise up and tackle him to the floor, even though she weighed far less than him.

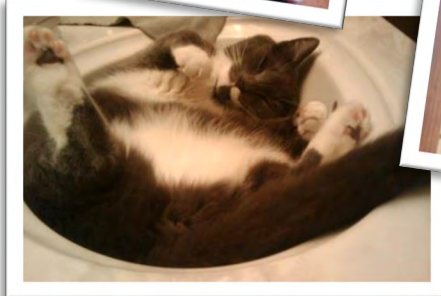
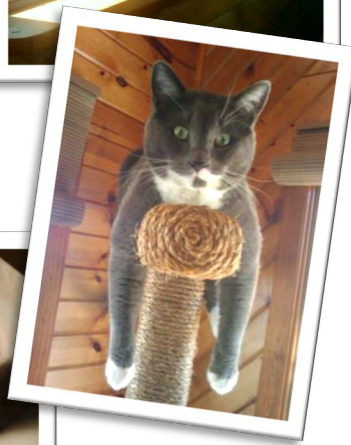
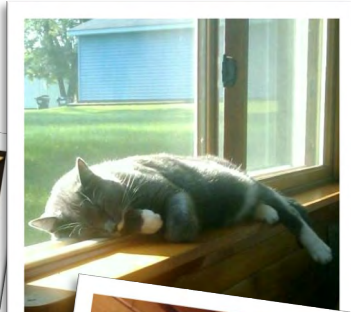
His spiky fur and small eyes made him the ugliest little kitten I'd ever seen, which only increased his appeal. He's grown into a muscular adult with soft and sleek fur that looks like a gray and white tuxedo, and his eyes are beautifully expressive. He's clumsy and knocks things over with his really strong tail.

Watson is the most insistently affectionate cat I've ever had. (I've had nine cats over the last 30 years, most living to nearly 20 - one was 22.)

He's a goofy cat who likes to fall asleep curled against my back with his arm over my neck. He's been a great companion over the last 15 years and he's still going strong.

I expect him to be one of my oldest cats.”

-Margo Kanthak

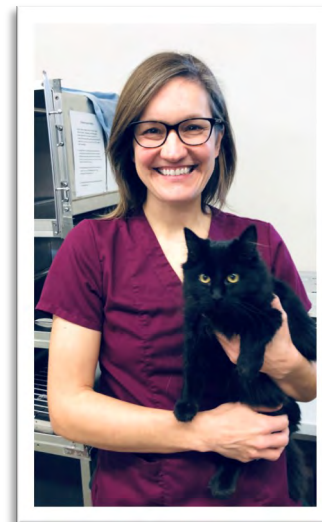


Who Rescued Who? We receive wonderful stories of TCHS alumni on a regular basis, and we want to offer our sincere thanks to all who take the time to share them with us. You can imagine the joy it brings us to receive pictures and updates from adopters like this one! It seems only right to share them with you, our friends and supporters who make our work possible. THIS is why we do what we do. Why you give, volunteer, adopt, and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same.

Share YOUR adoption story with us by messaging our Facebook page or emailing us at: pets@tricityhumanesociety.org. **We'd love to hear from you!**



The Scoop ... on Grain-free Diets



by Dr. Anne Lottie

Have you ever walked into a store that sells pet food and felt completely overwhelmed? I know I have, and I'm a veterinarian. There are thousands of dietary choices for our co-pilots, our couch potatoes, our 2 a.m. wake-up calls, our running buddies, and our hunting partners. From natural to organic, exotic meats to vegetarian, grain-free to raw diets, the myriad choices can lead to confusion about what is best for your pet. I want to focus on one of the more popular feeding trends: the grain-free diet.

What does "grain-free" mean?

Grain-free means the food has a substitute carbohydrate source, such as potatoes, lentils, quinoa or peas, in place of grains. Grain-free pet food lines the shelves these days. In 2011, grain-free diets made up just 11 percent of the pet food market, and in 2017 that number had increased to 44 percent!

Are grains bad for my pet?

Grains are often called "fillers," but they are an excellent source of energy, and contribute valuable vitamins, minerals, essential fatty acids, and fiber to pet food. Some of the common grains found in pet foods are rice, corn, and wheat. The vast majority of dogs (and cats) are very good at utilizing and digesting nutrients from grains. In fact, there is no proof that grains contribute to pet health problems, except in the rare case of adverse food reaction secondary to a grain. Food allergies account for less than 10 percent of all canine allergies. Your dog is far more likely to be allergic to the indoor and outdoor worlds around her. And when a food allergy is present, it is usually due to an animal protein such as dairy or beef, not grains. Cats can have food allergies, too, and like dogs, the cause is most often an animal protein.

Why did grain-free diets become so popular?

Some of you may remember the melamine scare in March 2007. For those who don't, wheat flour imported from China was adulterated with a nitrogen containing compound (melamine) to make it look like wheat protein (gluten), a more valuable ingredient. Unfortunately, the melamine combined with an acid in the pet food and caused acute kidney failure in dogs and cats. This was a scary situation for both pet owners and veterinarians, and a wake-up call for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The Food Safety Modernization Act was soon passed, and the FDA worked more closely with the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) to make food safer. With greater oversight and inspection came improved compliance (yay!), but also resulted in more pet food recalls (yikes!). This growing fear of recalls, coupled with popular human diet trends (Atkins, Paleo, low-carb) and LOTS of attractive marketing led to a quest for pet food options with low or no grains. (Grain-free does not mean low-carb. Many grain-free diets contain carbohydrate levels equal to or greater than grain-inclusive diets.)

Is a grain-free diet bad for my pet?

Maybe. Maybe not. What I can tell you is there is no evidence that a grain-free diet is better for your pet. The marketing around pet food has become quite creative. It's easy to get swayed by certain claims, especially when we all want what's best for our pets. Ingredients get a lot of attention, when what really matters are nutrients. Ingredients are just the vehicles that provide nutrients. New and trendy ingredients (sweet potatoes, chickpeas, lentils) may sound healthier, but that doesn't mean they are. Making pet food is a complex process that requires experience, knowledge, and careful quality control. The recent spike in cases of dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) is giving veterinarians and the FDA pause because most of the affected dogs were being fed a boutique, exotic meat or grain-free (BEG) diet. There are far more questions than answers at this point and the FDA is working with the pet food industry to better understand the situation. The entire veterinary community is also hard at work researching and monitoring the issue.

I feed my pet a grain-free (exotic meat or boutique) diet. What should I do?

1. Look at the pet food label to see if it contains a nutritional adequacy statement. This provides important factual information as to whether the diet is "complete and balanced" according to AAFCO, how the company determined this (feeding trials or formulations), and for what life-stage the food is intended.
2. Ask yourself why you decided to feed the diet in the first place. Since there is no known health benefit to a grain-free diet, you may want to consider an alternative - at least until we know more about the possible link between diet and heart disease. But, before the switch, make an appointment with your veterinarian. Other than you, no one knows your pet better, and your veterinarian should be your source for nutritional advice, not the Internet or a salesperson at a pet food store. Every pet has different nutritional needs based on age, weight, and health status. Let your vet help you with this important decision.
3. Monitor your pet for any symptoms of heart disease - shortness of breath, weakness, reduced exercise, cough, collapse. If something doesn't seem right, have your pet examined as soon as possible.

Trying to decide which diet is truly best for your dog or cat can be confusing, and downright exhausting. Years ago, when I worked in general practice, I would learn about a new brand of pet food weekly, sometimes daily. Grain-free diets have become increasingly popular over the past decade. Hopefully, this article helps explain why that occurred, how grains got a bad rap and helps pet owners feel more confident when choosing a pet food. And, when it comes to diet and its possible link with canine heart disease, there is still a lot we don't know. Many researchers are working to solve the problem as quickly as possible. My hope is for some good to come from this situation. I hope pet food companies invest more resources in nutritional expertise, food trials and quality control, rather than marketing. And, I hope pet owners sift through all the information (and mis-information), and when a question arises, go ask their vet!

Resources for pet owners:

<https://www.wsava.org/sites/default/files/Recommendations%20on%20Selecting%20Pet%20Foods.pdf>

<https://vetnutrition.tufts.edu/petfoodology/>

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