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Hi All,

I'm on several Yahoo Groups with dog owners who were scared away from feeding kibble by the 2007 pet food recalls. Many members are starting to feed raw, but instead of understanding that they are now responsible for providing 100% of their dog's nutritional requirements, they're taking a Rube Goldberg approach. It's like watching a train wreck in slow motion, so I'm sending this cautionary note as *Dog Owner Education topic #40: Please do your homework before rawfeeding.*

I always encourage those who wish to feed a healthier diet to their canine companions, but I'm beginning to see fallout from hit/miss, uneducated rawfeeding. Dog food recalls aside, at least kibble is required to meet [FDA](#) and [AAFCO](#) content, manufacturing, nutrition, and labeling standards, and meet the nutritional needs of most breeds. The FDA also regulates [commercially prepared raw diets](#) to ensure nutritional content and accurate labeling.

However to simply switch to feeding a dog raw meat can result in as many health problems as it is intended to resolve. Dogs with constipation or diarrhea, dogs being underfed or overfed, dogs with skin problems, allergies or profuse shedding, and yes -- even dogs bloating (anecdotally, rawfed dogs on a balanced diet rarely bloat.)

Feeding raw requires the owner to meet their dog's complete dietary needs [summarized here](#). Rawfeeding is not a panacea, does not resolve all health problems and does not prevent all disease. However if done correctly and in a balanced manner with a variety of protein sources, it can result in an overall healthier dog with a strong immune system that is resistant to many common ailments.

I've written several Dog Owner Education topics on rawfeeding and I've attached the main one to this email. Please, if you are considering feeding raw or are currently feeding raw without having read either the [Lonsdale](#) or [Billingham](#) books, I urge you to do so to ensure that your canine companion gets a nutritionally balanced diet.

And as always, thanks for educating yourself to benefit dogs and their owners!

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"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself." - Josh Billings

