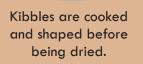# PET FOOD Safety

We all want our dogs and cats to have the best and healthiest food. However, just like our food, pet food and treats can sometimes be contaminated with germs. The good news is that you can take steps to keep your pets and family healthy.

Safe food for dogs and cats

Safe pet foods have been cooked or heated to a high enough temperature to kill germs.

Kibbles are cooked and shaped before being dried.

Canned pet foods are sealed before being sterilized (heated to a high temperature).

Fresh pet foods are cooked food with fewer or no preservatives, often delivered to your home as part of online pet food subscription services.

For your dog's or cat's main diet

Look for the words "complete and balanced" on the product label.

If you cook food for your pets, talk to your veterinarian or a veterinary nutritionist to make sure you're providing a complete and balanced diet.

Keep your pets safe

Don't feed your pet any recalled food or treats. Scan QR code for links to recalls.

Clean pet food and water bowls, food scoops, placemats, and treat toys frequently.

Follow storage instructions on pet food or treat labels.

Keep yourself and your family safe

Wash your hands with soap and water before and after handling pet food or treats. Make sure children wash their hands properly.

Don't let your pet lick your open wounds or areas with broken skin, and try not to let your pet lick your mouth or face immediately after they eat.

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