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Hello again, and welcome to another fun-filled edition of FDA Follies.

To recap/update you: FDA has been conducting an “investigation” of our facility since last November. From 1999 through 2018 we received a total of 3 uneventful, routine FDA inspections. During 2019 We were visited 6 times. This current investigation has spanned 4 visits, the 4th and final one took place this morning and just wrapped up hours ago. We have not been found in violation of anything or asked to make any changes to our facility or processing practices. In other words: we passed. Good riddance. Until next time...

Meanwhile, there has been a concurrent issue with FDA obtaining some of our frozen Turkey Dog Food from a local store. As we already updated last time, this sample supposedly tested positive for *Salmonella*. We have therefore been awaiting the release of another Warning Letter by FDA about this lot of our food. Quite literally while putting the finishing touches on this letter we were about to post to Facebook, the warning letter suddenly appeared. Consequently, our update letter is being revised again prior to posting it. We get our facts straight before publishing.

As we stated previously, all of this batch has been long gone from our premises. No one has reported any problems resulting from the use or handling of this or any other of our products. We do not believe there is any cause for concern or any need to dispose of or stop using any of our products. **THERE IS NO RECALL ON OUR FOOD.**

Our goal with frequently updating our page is to share information to help educate people. There are two sides to every story. FDA’s “Zero Tolerance” policy regarding Salmonella in pet food states that although a certain amount of Salmonella is expected to be present in food that is sold for human consumption, once that same food is labeled as pet food, it is considered “adulterated,” and has suddenly become a dangerous substance that we must now be scared of. We believe it is important to expose the flaws in this FDA policy: the laughable lack of science, the pitiful lack of common sense, the appalling lack of ability to follow their very own protocols, the frustrating lack of ability or willingness to answer our questions, and the blatant violation of our rights **per their own regulations**. We will be going into this topic in greater detail in our next update. You may be surprised at our behind-the-scenes peek.

If reading all of this has you asking yourself “How can I help? What can I do?” please read on! Instead of reacting with panic and fear when we hear of recalls, or warning letters, or even stop sales, we should all be collectively rolling our eyes. We should be thinking, “Here they go again.” We should be asking, “Where’s the proof?” instead of just blindly taking their word for the “danger.” We should stop and realize, “I’ve already fed my dog that very same lot number and he’s fine. FDA must be wrong about this.” Just because they fail to demonstrate any modicum of common sense doesn’t mean we should all do the same. Think logically! Ask questions. Reach out to the company and get their side of the story.

You should know that it will not be a quick or easy solution, but there is a movement afoot to take on the FDA and to get these ridiculous policies changed and new laws written that are reasonable and actually serve the intended purpose of FSMA: to keep **all food** safe for pets, humans, and farm animals. It is an admirable and necessary goal. But they are going about it all wrong. By standing up together and refusing to buy into the fear mongering, refusing to boycott a single brand or flavor or lot number of pet food just because of hearsay when there is **no scientific proof, and no individual has been harmed**, and refusing to allow Big Brother to dictate what we are allowed to choose to feed our own pets, we burst their bubble. They lose their power. If they can’t scare everyone to pieces, what have they accomplished beyond making themselves look foolish?

This is not to make light of actual problems discovered from time to time in some pet foods. This letter is specifically addressing the wrongful persecution of raw pet food manufacturers. Under the right set of (unlikely to occur) circumstances, certainly a huge pathogen outbreak might indeed pose a threat to some segments of the population. But taking that remote possibility to the extreme of attempting to enforce Zero Tolerance is illogical and unrealistic. If you feed raw food and like the results you see, and the product(s) you use, shouldn’t it be up to you whether you want to take whatever “risk” is involved in selecting your own pets’ food? Writing off your favorite brand because of a recall or a warning letter is throwing out the baby with the bath water. We—those who see merit in feeding raw food—are smarter than that.