

# Global Alliance of Pet Food Associations



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## WELCOME TO THE NEW EDITION OF THE GAPFA (GLOBAL ALLIANCE OF PET FOOD) NEWSLETTER

Dear reader,

Welcome to the new edition of the GAPFA Newsletter.

During the past year, we remained focused and committed as pet food manufacturers to making nutritious and safe pet foods that help dogs and cats live long and healthy lives.

Today, while the COVID-19 pandemic is not over yet, we continue to join our forces to support the health and wellbeing of dogs and cats and to promote the benefits of living with them, by providing a forum to address industry consensus on key issues of mutual interest.

In this newsletter you will find highlights from key GAPFA external activities from the past few months.

**Enjoy your reading!**

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## GAPFA COLLABORATION WITH THE OIE

As you know, pet owners around the world have at least **one thing in common: they all want their pet's food to be safe and provide balanced nutrition**. Now, newly published science-based international recommendations will help ensure the continued availability of safe dog and cat food around the world.

With a shared commitment to animal and public health, **GAPFA contributed to the standard-setting process of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) in its revision of important OIE international standards**. The recently adopted revisions of OIE standards included science-based recommendations which **recognize the safety of certain cooking practices for extruded dry pet food and heat-treated poultry meat products (including pet food)** in a hermetically sealed containers, and will provide for the continued and uninterrupted international trade while supporting global public health.

In 2021 GAPFA has renewed the [Memorandum of Understanding](#) with the OIE and continues its engagement with the OIE on activities of mutual interest, including the field of international standards and recommendations relevant to pet food.

To read the full press release announcement, please click [here](#).

## GAPFA COLLABORATION WITH WSAVA AND HABRI

GAPFA seeks to work collaboratively with other credible scientific opinion leaders **to globally promote balanced pet nutrition and responsible pet care**. In 2021, GAPFA signed an MOU with WSAVA (World Small Animal Veterinary Association), and previously we agreed to partner with HABRI (Human Animal Bond Research Institute). We look forward to helping amplify each other's priority messaging around pet nutrition and pets going forward.

## 'MEET THE PETS OF GAPFA'

To demonstrate our passion and love for our cats and dogs, we have created a new section on the website, dedicated to **GAPFA members' pets from around the globe**. Click [here](#) to find all lovely photos of our fluffy friends. More photos are coming soon!

## NEW GAPFA FACTSHEETS THE SCIENCE OF PET FOOD: ROLE OF PROTEIN AND ROLE OF FAT



GAPFA has recently published on its website **two new factsheets dedicated on protein and fat**, thus completing the series of factsheets on 'The Science of Pet Food'. The first factsheet from this series, published at the beginning of 2021, was focused on carbohydrate.

Protein and fat are essential nutrients for cats and dogs, and along with carbohydrate, these are major nutrients found in pet food.

Please find [here](#) the new detailed GAPFA factsheets on protein and fat.

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