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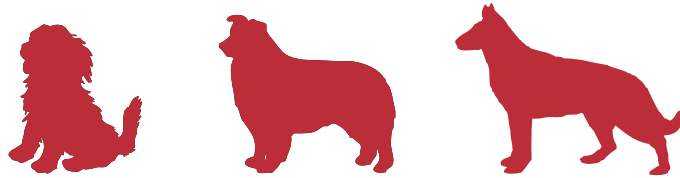
Public Apology

To anyone I have ever recommended to feed any brand of dry dog food to their dogs. More importantly, I am intensely sorry to all the dogs that have had to survive on dry kibble alone, including my own beloved companions.

Whilst intuitively “feeling” that a raw food diet is better for dogs, I allowed myself to accept the myths and lies of the powerful and wealthy dog food manufacturers. I gullibly accepted poor advice from many professionals that I respected and now suspect that I have done the same to others who, in turn, respected my advice and opinion.

**FOR THE LOVE OF DOGS:
PLEASE FEED THEM RAW MEAT!
(OR AT LEAST START ADDING IT TO THEIR DIET)**

Late to the table, I have finally done my own research, primarily through Dr Conor Brady’s *Feeding Dogs – The Science Behind the Dry Versus Raw Debate*. (Embarrassingly, I actually



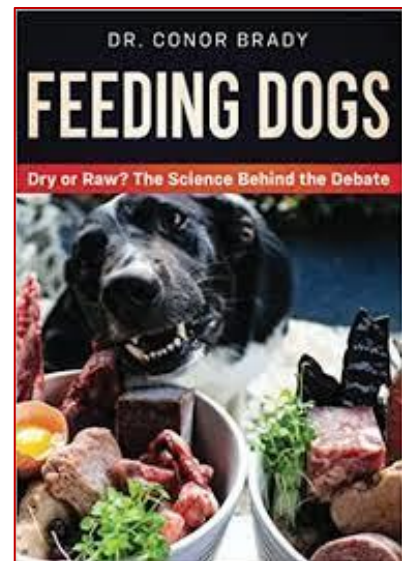
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started the journey back in the early '90s with Dr Ian Billinghurst's *Give your Dog a Bone*. I fed entirely raw for almost five years before succumbing.)

During a recent holiday in Ireland and Northern Ireland, I took the opportunity to read *Feeding Dogs* from cover to cover. It was sheer coincidence that I happened to be in the land of the author whilst reading his tome. The book was gifted to Steve and I by our new friends at The Butcher's Dog with whom we have recently proudly partnered for the raw feeding of dogs.

Feeding Dogs is eye-opening and gut-wrenching. Conor has done the hard yards of hours and hours of tedious trawling through the research, good and not-so-good. He has brought it altogether in his undeniably factual, yet entertaining reference book on dog nutrition. The sad, sad fact is that the multinational dry dog food manufacturers have hood-winked loving dog owners and worse, our Veterinary community and their educational institutions. Why? Money! Follow the money!



We need to find vets who will support our choices in feeding species-appropriate-nutrition of raw food. They are out there and their numbers are increasing. The fact is that sales of dry dog food (including the expensive ones) are on the decline worldwide, despite the increased numbers of pet dogs. The large majority of vets love dogs (and cats and other animals) and they will want what is best for the animals in their care.



I was heartened to read about the Wylie Veterinary Centre in the UK, where the practice offers a “plan” where pet owners pay an annual fee and all healthcare is provided without any additional payment for the animal’s life. They cite the most important factor for their success is the condition that all pets **must** be raw-fed. Dry-fed dogs are not welcome on the plan as they are too expensive to maintain into old age.

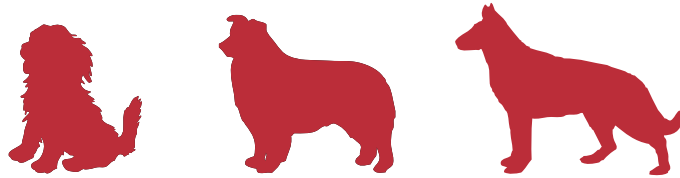
We can be proud that Australia led the move to raw food feeding thanks to two Australian Vets, Dr Ian Billingham and Dr Tom Lonsdale. They were vilified and ostracised for their efforts to improve the health of dogs by feeding raw, but in more recent years they are seeing the positive effects of their work.

Dr Brady advises that feeding dry-food increases the occurrence of skin and gut conditions, obesity, many cancers and organ failure. Not to mention that dogs fed raw food have greater cognitive ability and less likely to develop anxieties. It seems like a “no-brainer” to me but I’m not the scientist. Read the book! Or visit the website; you can book a consultation online (see the links below).

Just stop feeding dry-food! Or start to reduce how much you’re feeding. Feed raw meaty bones – vary the type of protein fed – include organ meats. Have a look at the website links provided below for professional information on feeding raw nutrition.

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Useful links:

[Raw Feeding Veterinary Society \(RFVS\) https://rfvs.info/](https://rfvs.info/)

[Dogs First – Keeping Dogs Out of Vets Since 2011 – Your Home for Natural Canine Nutrition and Health – Advice, Support and Training by Dr Conor Brady. https://dogsfirst.ie/](https://dogsfirst.ie/)

[Wylie Veterinary Centre \(UK\) https://www.wylievets.com/](https://www.wylievets.com/)

[Dr Ian Billingham – Nutrition... It's Absurdly Simple https://drianbillingham.com/](https://drianbillingham.com/)

[Raw Meaty Bones \(Dr Tom Lonsdale\) http://www.rawmeatybones.com/](http://www.rawmeatybones.com/)

[The Butcher's Dog – Real Food for Dogs https://thebutchersdog.com.au/](https://thebutchersdog.com.au/)