

AGENCIES INVOLVED IN REGULATING PET FOOD

**Association of American
Feed Control Officials (AAFCO)**

- Private organization that consists of government feed inspection officials; advised by pet industry and pet advocacy groups
- Creates Model Bills used by most states to regulate pet food
- Works closely with FDA

**U.S Food and Drug
Administration/Center for
Veterinary Medicine (FDA) State
Feed Control Officials**

- Regulates all pet foods involved in interstate commerce
- Regulates all pet foods sold within st

**U.S Department of Agriculture
(USDA)**

- Regulates imported pet foods
- Inspects animal research facilities
- Has a voluntary inspection system for pet food manufactures

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

- Regulates Print and electronic advertising of pet foods

National Research Council (NRC)

- Private organization created under the National Academy of Sciences (NAS)
- Advises government agencies on scientific matters, including pet nutrition
- Publishes “Nutrient Requirements of Dogs and Cats”, a collection of current nutritional science findings and recommendations