## **About Pet Food Made from Wild Game Meat**

Make safe pet food by complying with the Pet Food Safety Act



When manufacturing pet food using wild game meat (gibier), adhere to the Pet Food Safety Act.



## **Outline of the Pet Food Safety Act**

**Notifications** 

◆ Importers or manufactures for pet food, whether corporations or individuals, are required to make a notification to the MAFF before starting.

**Keeping Books** 

Business operators that import, manufacture, or wholesale pet food are required to record the names and quantity, etc. of the pet foods that they import, manufacture, or sell in their books or on a computer, and to retain these records for two years.

**Labeling Standards** 

- Pet food is required to have the following information labeled in Japanese:
  - (1) Name of pet food, (2) Best before date, (3) Ingredients names,
  - (4) Country of origin, and (5) Business operator's name and address

Specification for Constitution Standards for Method of Manufacturing

◆ To ensure pet food safety, there are Specifications for Constitutions that set maximum limits for agricultural chemicals and heavy metals, etc., as well as Standards for Method of Manufacturing that prohibit the use of ingredients contaminated with microbe.

On-the-spot Inspection

- ◆ The government and FAMIC will conduct on-the-spot inspections for importers, manufacturers, and sellers, etc., without prior notice, in principle.
- For more details about the Pet Food Safety Act, please refer to the leaflet "Ensuring Safety of Pet Food ."

(https://www.maff.go.jp/e/policies/ap\_health/petfood/pdf/EnsuringPetFoodSafety\_leaflet.pdf



## [Contact Information for Business Operators Regarding the Pet Food Safety Act]

- Hokkaido Regional Agricultural Administration Office 011-330-8816
- Tohoku Regional Agricultural Administration Office 022-745-9384
- Kanto Regional Agricultural Administration Office 048-740-5065
- Hokuriku Regional Agricultural Administration Office 076-232-4106
- Tokai Regional Agricultural Administration Office 052-223-4670

- Kinki Regional Agricultural Administration Office 075-414-9000
- Chugoku-Shikoku Regional Agricultural Administration Office 086-224-4511 (ext. 2394)
- Kyushu Regional Agricultural Administration Office 096-211-9255
- Okinawa General Bureau, Cabinet Office 098-866-1672

## **Example of Manufacturing Management for Pet Food Made with Wild Game Meat**

- Below is an example of manufacturing management practices for producing safe pet food using wild game meat.
- Manufacturing management should be conducted according to the equipment and quality control systems, etc., of each facility.

Reception of raw materials

- To prevent foreign matter contamination from bullets, etc., inspect raw materials using a metal detector<sup>1</sup> at the time of intake.
- Accept only fresh raw materials (based on in-house standards, meat brought into the meat processing facility within a certain time after the kill).

<u>Avoid using meat near the bullet path</u> to prevent potential microbial contamination or lead residue (in the case of lead bullets).<sup>2</sup>

Point 1

Point 2

Point 3

Inspection when thawing raw materials

- Visual inspection
- · Do not use raw materials that excessively drip when thawing
- Do not use raw materials that emit unusual odors when thawing

Manufacturing

- To address the risk of infections from parasites and bacteria, etc.,<sup>3</sup> ensure **thorough heating** to the center of the meat.
- To prevent secondary contamination by microorganisms within the facility, separate the raw material area from the post-heating area.

Pre-shipment inspection

- Re-inspection with a metal detector<sup>1</sup>
- Microbial testing (particularly for Salmonella)
- <sup>1</sup> Follow the inspection methods prescribed by the metal detector manufacturer.
- <sup>2</sup> The Pet Food Safety Act establishes an upper limit on lead concentration in pet food (3 μg/g).
- <sup>3</sup> Wild game is generally known to have <u>a higher risk of infection with parasites and bacteria, etc.</u> To produce safe pet food for dogs and cats, when using wild game meat, ensure that the meat is thoroughly heated and take precautions against foodborne illness risks.