



## **Guidelines on Raw Feeding**

At Aireworth Vets, we believe that all dogs and cats should be fed a safe, nutritionally complete, and balanced diet. This should be suitable for all life stages and energy requirements.

There are many different types of diet available, and our clinical team can help you with any dietary advice you may need.

We are aware that raw food diets have become increasingly popular over the last few years, but sadly, they do have their limitations. Should you choose to feed your pet a raw diet we feel it is important that you consider the recipe carefully and only feed a raw or unconventional diet in consultation with veterinary advice.

### **Hygiene and safe handling of raw products is essential**

Raw feeding does potentially increase the chances of your pet carrying harmful bacteria such as Salmonella and Campylobacter. These can be transmitted to people, either through direct contact with the raw meat, or in your pet's saliva or faeces. They can both cause serious illnesses in people.

**Where there are children, elderly or immune compromised adults in the household, medical advice should be sought before feeding a raw based food to pets.**

Unfortunately, for the health and safety of our staff and other patients, if your pet is fed a raw diet, we are unable to feed this diet whilst your pet is in our hospital.

For any further information about this please speak to a member of our clinical team or call the practice on **01535 602988**.