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The National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV) strongly supports, affirms, and endorses the 2012 position statement by the American Animal Hospital Association regarding raw protein diets. Strong scientific evidence has demonstrated that raw or undercooked animal-based protein diets can be contaminated with a variety of pathogens and that animals fed the diets often shed these pathogens in their stool. Shedding can occur both from ill and asymptotically infected animals. Raw protein diets are a public health concerns because the pathogens can be transmitted to humans via contact with the food itself, the animal, or contaminated surfaces. Further, a number of these organisms have been shown to be resistant to multiple antimicrobials.

NASPHV commends AAHA for their commitment to the health of the animals, humans, and communities served by their member veterinarians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Carina Blackmore', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

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