

# Pet Food Sustainability

Protect, Reduce & Invest



## Production Efficiencies

PFI members recognize that manufacturing facilities, distribution networks and product packaging utilize critical natural resources. **Pet food makers are active among three key areas to protect existing resources**, including:

- **Reducing the energy consumed** when producing pet food through continuous improvements in the manufacturing process, e.g., by switching to energy-efficient equipment, supplying power to equipment only when in use, and using renewable energy sources.
- Working with our equipment and ingredient suppliers to **improve supply chain efficiency** and reduce waste through process and facility design.
- Continuing efforts to **minimize packaging material and utilizing recycling** where possible.

## Responsible Ingredient Sourcing

We all want healthy, nutritious and safe food for our dogs and cats. **PFI members use ingredients from a wide range of safe, nutritious sources**, including high quality plant- and animal-based ingredients that help to reduce food waste in the supply chain as well as environmental stresses related to agricultural production.

- These ingredients, often referred to as human food by-products or co-products, include kidneys, liver and meat from clean parts of animals and parts of plants that may not be used in the making of human food in the U.S. **They provide excellent nutrition** for dogs and cats.
- Using these safe, high-quality ingredients is a sustainable and responsible practice that helps **reduce the environmental impact** of the overall food system **without disrupting the human food supply chain**.

## Supporting the Economy, Pets and People

A thriving, profitable business that invests in the future is part of any sustainability effort. **PFI members are an integral part of the local economy**, with a global reach. Our role involves more than making safe, nutritious pet food -- it means good-paying jobs that support families, communities and the nation.

- Pet food makers **employ more than 25,000 U.S. workers** in at least 25 states.
- PFI members contract with ingredient, equipment and services **suppliers across the country**, supporting additional jobs.
- PFI members are **active in their communities**: donating dog and cat food to shelters; funding research to find nutritional solutions for dog and cat illnesses; and sharing information with pet lovers to help them ensure their four-legged friend lives a long, healthy life.