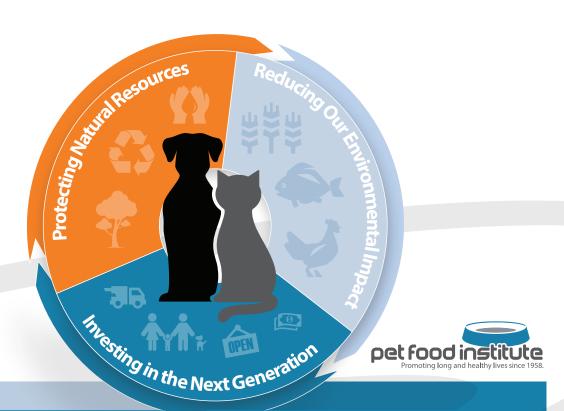
## Pet Food Sustainability

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 goodpaying 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.

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