

Viewpoint: GMO-free pet food ‘panders to public perception’

More and more pet foods are touting “Non-GMO” prominently on their labels. They do that because non-GMO is important to more and more pet owners. Do they do it because it is important to the health of the pet or are they simply pandering to a public perception?

I believe it’s more the latter than the former. Most veterinarians aren’t concerned about GMO’s, in fact, a 2014 article in Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine’s publication, “Dog Watch,” concluded that, “in general, there’s not much to worry about.”

Quoting from the article: “...when researchers looked at what happens when 60 percent of a rat’s diet is weed-killer resistant GMO corn, fed in pellets, some studies say it’s OK. Others say if you feed it to rats for their entire lives, they will get kidney lesions.

But how many dogs or humans are eating 60 percent GMO corn? Like everything else, it’s all about quantity...dose makes the poison...so there is a lot of controversy around it.” The article also pointed out that “we have been genetically modifying corn since the days of Mendel.”

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Pet food manufacturers will latch onto almost anything that’s hot in the public lexicon.

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