



Risk management

As a pioneer feeder of natural food you expect the occasional problem. That, after all, is why you are reading this book. You want to know the downside as well as the upside. If raw meaty bones act as food and medicine for dogs; then you want to know about safety aspects and side effects. Like all successful pioneers you know that risks do not deter you, only help you gain a fuller understanding.

Problems, potential or actual, come in two broad categories—biological and man-made.

Biological problems

Raw food comprises a mass of complex nutrients and textures providing intricate nutritional and medicinal benefits. When appropriate raw food meets the complex anatomy and physiology of dogs things usually go well. However, some dogs refuse to eat raw food—a bit like a child refusing medicine. For other dogs, taking their medicine can be associated with unwanted side effects.

Let's take a look at some possible side effects and strategies for avoiding or dealing with them.