



What's for Dinner?

Two writers writing about the same topic often take different approaches to their topic, and can sometimes use the same piece of evidence to support different points. Read each text below. Then answer the questions.

TEXT #1:

It is not only simple to make your own healthy, balanced pet food at home, it is a form of consumer protest. Many food industry behemoths have been acquiring pet food companies in recent years. Del Monte, Nestlé, Mars, Smuckers and Colgate Palmolive all exploit their human customers with their own pet food brands. This is because manufacturing pet food is an extremely profitable business. Ingredients are cheap. They are the byproducts of human food production, and would otherwise simply go to waste. And pet food can be sold at incredibly high prices, especially in brands that have managed to associate health claims with their products. But buying factory-made pet food is an utterly unnecessary expense. Let big business know that their dog food isn't good enough by hitting them where it hurts—their bottom line. Our book, *Feed Your Furry Friend Right!* is full of recipes for making your own healthy and balanced pet foods at home, for a fraction of what you are probably paying to the pet food industry.

TEXT #2:

A surprising number of pet health problems can be solved by switching your pet to a homemade diet. Often, getting your dog off of kibble and onto real food can make symptoms completely disappear. But your dog doesn't have to have an illness to realize the benefits of switching from processed kibble to a real food diet.

Processed food has been proven to be bad for humans, why wouldn't it be bad for dogs? During processing most natural vitamins and minerals are stripped from food, often due to the high heat to which they are exposed. Processed dog food is also well-known for using substandard ingredients that are the byproducts of human food production and which used to go to waste, before big business found a way to make their garbage profitable. Another problem with processed foods is a little less obvious: studies have shown that feeding your dog the exact same thing, day in and day out, can cause food allergies, which can manifest in your pet in a variety of ways.

Preparing food for your pet using fresh ingredients makes for a far superior diet. Many people think they're doing their dogs a favor by buying organic pet food, but organic pet food is still a processed food. It is less important that the food be organic than it is that the food be real. If you can't afford to completely switch your dog to homemade food, then you can still do a lot for them

Name _____ **Interpretation of Facts**

by adding a little real food to their kibble every day. A raw egg, shredded carrots or some canned salmon can give your pet a much needed nutritional boost.

1. What are the two texts about?
2. What is the author's position on the topic?

TEXT #1: _____

TEXT #2: _____

3. Each author uses one particular piece of evidence. What is it?

4. Explain how the use of that evidence differs in the two texts.

