

MAKING FOOD

FOR ANIMALS



New Zealand Food Safety

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I Make Food for
HUMANS AND ANIMALS

FOR EXAMPLE:

“I run a pet-friendly restaurant and serve food to customers and their pets, or I am a butcher selling meat and bones for customers’ cats and dogs.”

Both types of food can be made under the **Food Act**, but the pet food must be made to the same standards as the food for human consumption through the business’s Food Control Plan or National Programme. Food that is fit for humans can be voluntarily sold as pet food.

The pet food will also need to meet the requirements of the **ACVM Act**.



I Make Food for
HUMANS.
I ALSO MAKE
FOOD FOR
ANIMALS USING
FOOD THAT IS
NO LONGER FIT
FOR HUMANS

FOR EXAMPLE:

“I make dog rolls from scraps, trimmings and food not suitable for humans from my food processing factory.”

Food or feed made for animals (either raw or cooked) cannot be made under the Food Act.

Scraps, such as trimmings that fall on the floor, and other food not suitable for humans that is processed for animal consumption, need to follow different requirements depending on the ingredients used:



If the animal food contains any **animal ingredients**, the **Animal Products Act** and **ACVM Act** apply.



If the animal food contains only **vegetable ingredients**, only the **ACVM Act** applies.

NOTE: food for the purpose of pig feed (not suitable for humans) containing meat (or in contact with meat) must be heated to 100°C for 1 hour.

NOTE: feed for ruminants (such as cows and sheep) must not contain ruminant protein. Ruminant protein feed rules can be found [here](#).



I Make Food for
ANIMALS ONLY

FOR EXAMPLE:

“I am a pet food or animal feed manufacturer.”

Food intended just for animals cannot be made under the Food Act.



If the animal food contains any **animal ingredients**, the **Animal Products Act** and **ACVM Act** apply.



If the animal food contains only **vegetable ingredients**, only the **ACVM Act** applies.

Need help?

For Animal Products Act requirements contact: animal.products@mpi.govt.nz

For ACVM Act requirements contact: approvals@mpi.govt.nz

For Food Act requirements contact: foodactinfo@mpi.govt.nz

For Food Waste Regulations go [here](#).

For Ruminant Protein Regulations go [here](#).

Any other questions, call 0800 00 83 33 or visit www.foodsafety.govt.nz/