

DICK VAN PATTEN'S

# Natural Balance®

## Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM) and Pet Heart Disease

*Natural Balance*® understands there may be concerns related to the FDA's recent announcement that they are investigating the cause of an increase in heart disease among dogs. As pet owners ourselves, we were concerned to hear this news. Our in-house veterinarian is working with the FDA to understand what may be causing this increase. Based on the information we have reviewed with veterinarians having expertise in animal nutrition it is not clear whether diet plays a role. We are hopeful this collaboration with the FDA will identify a conclusive root cause for this increase in heart disease occurrences among dogs.

With that said, while there is no required dietary level of taurine recommended for dogs, it is recognized that taurine plays a role in overall heart health. Because of this, our full fed dog formulas have always contained added taurine, in addition to what is naturally occurring in the ingredients in the formula. Our products will have a minimum of 0.12% taurine added to help prevent unintentional taurine deficiencies.

It is also important to note that our new Grain Free Original Ultra® Dry Dog Formulas have guaranteed taurine at 0.25% (as fed).

Again, please keep in mind that the total amount of taurine in each recipe will vary and will likely be higher than these stated amounts due to taurine being present in the other ingredients.

As always, we are committed to supplying you and your customers with the highest quality products. We appreciate our partnership and your continued support.

### Still Have Questions?

Our team of highly skilled Veterinary Technicians is ready to answer any additional pet-related questions you may have. Give us a call, send us a message, or chat with us live.



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