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FINAL Version:

Pet Food Committee
Meeting Agenda- Omaha, NE
DATE: August 5, 2025 Time: 1:30 – 3:00 (CT)

Meeting Registration Link:

Roll call/Welcome and Opening Remarks

1. Micro-organism/enzyme language for PF5(a),(b) – 20 min
2. Nutrients Profiles Placement Discussion - (10) KG?
3. Purpose Statement as it relates to ingredients - Katie Simpson - 20
4. PFLM Update – Jennifer Roland (25)
 - a. State Survey
 - b. Industry
5. Dr. Kathy Gross – New Approach to Combat Pet Obesity - 30 min.
Pet obesity is an epidemic that demands action from every corner of the pet care community. Commercial pet foods for weight management have been available for nearly 90 years, but their formulation requires expertise to balance low calories with all other essential nutrients, maintain good taste and pet appeal, aesthetics, shelf stability and cost-effectiveness. Updates to nutritional guidelines and calorie calculations, considering that modern house pets are at high risk of becoming overweight, should be contemplated. By combining heightened awareness of pet obesity with safe, effective products, a future with fewer overweight and more healthier pets could be possible.
Kathy L. Gross, PhD, PAS, Diplomat Americal College of Animal Nutrition
Dr. Kathy Gross recently retired after a 32-year career at Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc. in pet food research and development. Before retiring from Hill's Pet Nutrition, Dr. Gross held the role of Worldwide Director of R&D, overseeing the nutritional design, clinical studies, and global claims for Hill's companion animal products. With over 100 publications, abstracts, and book chapters to her name, and 20 patents granted, her research has spanned a diverse range of canine and feline nutritional and health topics

She now serves as an Adjunct Professor at Kansas State University, contributing her expertise to the pet food science and animal health programs on both the Manhattan and Olathe campuses. In addition, Dr. Gross consults on topics such as companion animal nutrition, pet food and ingredient product design, innovation, and animal health.

Dr. Gross earned her PhD in Animal Nutrition from Kansas State University, an MS in Animal Nutrition from Virginia Tech, and a bachelor's in Animal Bioscience from Penn State University.
6. Human Grade WG - (15?) Holly Jewell
7. Training & Outreach Sub-Committee – (20) Tiffany Leschishin
 - a. Regulator/Industry WG – Katie Simpson/Lorey Bell-Grady
 - b. Consumer/Vet/Retailer – Kelsi Brown/Alisha Christian
 - c. Training and Outreach Events – Tiffany Leschishin
 - d. Pet Food Forum
 - e. 2025 Annual Pet Food Workshop – Kelsi Brown/Alisha Christian
 - i. Workshop starts promptly at 1:00 p.m