

## ATD statement regarding Raw Food Diet

Due to the volume of questions concerning the feeding of a raw diet, ATD Board of Directors has prepared the following statement: The Alliance of Therapy Dogs **does not** restrict the choices that members make regarding what is fed to their canine team partners. The Alliance of Therapy Dogs **does** require that participating dogs be clean and well groomed, have trimmed/filed nails, clean teeth, be free of internal and external parasites, have an annual veterinary health exam, including proof of a negative fecal exam and current rabies vaccination. Dogs must also be in compliance with state and local laws regarding, but not limited to, vaccinations and licensing. We also recommend that our handlers follow the advice of their veterinarians in regard to the general health of their companions.