



HEMP/CBD IN PET FOOD & TREATS IN MISSOURI

Frequently Asked Questions

The Missouri Department of Agriculture Feed & Seed Program has created this handout to answer some commonly asked questions and provide some basic information for commercial feed manufacturers and pet owners on the current regulations of pet food (dog or cat) and treats in Missouri regarding the use of hemp, including cannabidiol (CBD), as a feed ingredient for pets.

Can hemp products, like CBD oil, hemp oil, hemp seed or other by-products, be used in pet food (dog or cat) or treats?

NO Currently, the safety and efficacy of CBD oil or any other hemp or hemp by-product has not been reviewed for use in pet food and treats. Pets do not choose their diets like people do, so it is important to perform safety and efficacy reviews on each ingredient before it is approved for use in pet food or treats. Reviews are handled through the Ingredient Definitions Committee within the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO; <https://www.aafco.org/Regulatory/Committees/Ingredient-Definitions>) or the U.S. Food & Drug Administration as food additive petitions (FDA; <https://www.fda.gov/animalveterinary/developmentapprovalprocess/ucm056809.htm>).

Can I sell pet treats that contain Hemp/CBD in Missouri?

NO Hemp, hemp by-products, and extracts (e.g. CBD concentrates, isolates, or synthetics) are not approved for use in pet food and treats, as there is inadequate data surrounding the safety and utility of any hemp or hemp by-products for use in pet food and treats. At this time, CBD oil is regulated as a drug by the FDA. CBD oil must undergo the drug approval process through the FDA prior to distribution. For more information on pursuit of a new animal drug application, please visit: <https://www.fda.gov/animal-veterinary/development-approval-process/new-animal-drug-applications>.

Does Missouri regulate pet food the same as other states?

NO While all manufacturers, distributors, and retailers in every state must adhere to the same federal regulations and guidelines, each state can have their own additional regulatory requirements regarding the manufacturing and distribution of pet food and treats. In Missouri, there are primarily two such requirements:

1. Missouri Commercial Feed License – Any company that is manufacturing within the state, distributing in or into the state, or whose name appears on the label as guarantor requires a Missouri Commercial Feed License. The license fee is \$35 annually and is valid from July 1 to June 30.
2. Inspection Fees (Product Registration/Tonnage) – In addition to the feed license, product registration is required for each product of pet food/treat (dogs and cats) sold exclusively in packages of 10 lbs. or less. Products sold in packages greater than 10 lbs. do not need registered and are only required to be reported on a quarterly tonnage report.

How are retail stores, selling pet food & treats, regulated in Missouri?

All varieties of retail stores in Missouri are inspected and regulated by the Feed & Seed Program to ensure that products being sold are not adulterated, are properly manufactured, and are safe from unapproved feed additives, like CBD oil and hemp or hemp by-products. If a program inspector finds Hemp/CBD products for sale at a retail location, a field-written Withdrawal from Distribution Order will be issued, and the retailer will be asked to remove products from the shelves immediately. Retail locations must contact the Feed & Seed Program office within 30 days to get a release issued in order to dispose of products. The retail location is responsible for the disposition of products by returning all products to the manufacturer or destroying all products so that no further sale can be made.

Questions?

If you have further questions or need clarification, please contact the Missouri Department of Agriculture's Feed and Seed Program by phone at (573) 751-4310 or by email at PetFood@mda.mo.gov.