

03 HOW TO READ RAW MEATY BONES

A practical feeding book, a veterinary and institutional case study, and the book-length foundation for the Cybernetic Hypothesis

Every route leads from the mouth to the whole animal and the wider system: oral regulation -> carnivore regulation -> ecological consequences.

CHOOSE A READING ROUTE

PART I - PET HEALTH	PART II - SCIENCE, INDUSTRY AND REFORM	PART III - LIFE AND DEATH IN THE WILD
Chapters 1-9: mouth, food structure, periodontal and systemic health, appropriate feeding and preventive veterinary dentistry.	Chapters 10-13: reductionism, linear causality, evidence, professional education, commercial influence, propaganda and reform.	Chapter 14: the Cybernetic Hypothesis linking oral regulation, carnivore fitness, disease, death, populations and ecology.

READER	BEGIN	THEN	WHAT THIS ROUTE REVEALS
Pet owner	Appendix C; Chapters 2, 4 and 8	Chapters 3, 6 and 9; finish with 14	What to feed; why food structure, chewing and the mouth matter; foundational prevention before recurring treatment.
Veterinarian / student	Preface; Chapters 1-3 and 9	Chapters 6-8, 10-13 and 14	Clinical observation, preventive practice, professional duty, research design and the wider hypothesis.
Doctor / dentist / periodontal researcher	Chapters 10 and 14	Chapters 2, 3, 6, 7 and 9; then the 2026 JPR paper	Linear versus cybernetic causation; reciprocal oral-systemic feedback; the boundary between veterinary evidence and human research.
Evolutionary biologist / ecologist / cybernetician	Chapter 14 first	Chapters 10-13; then 1-9 as the empirical foundation	The mouth as a possible regulator of the carnivore and the carnivore as a higher-order regulator within an interdependent ecosystem.
Journalist / lawyer / regulator / campaigner	Chapters 1 and 10-13	Chapters 2, 3, 6, 9 and 14	How a clinical anomaly became a public-interest case concerning evidence, commerce, professional power, missing comparators and reform.

FIVE QUESTIONS TO CARRY THROUGH THE BOOK

- What does the feeding system do to the living animal over time - physically, chemically, behaviourally and microbially?
- Where are the feedback loops: oral/systemic, immediate/delayed, individual/population/ecological?
- Which conditions are prevented, and which are treated only after they appear?
- What comparator, life stage, outcome or question has conventional research excluded?
- What observations would corroborate, qualify or refute the Cybernetic Hypothesis?

THREE CAUTIONS

- Do not reduce the book to a diet recipe: feeding is the practical expression of a wider biological and institutional argument.
- Do not treat "raw feeding" as synonymous with the raw meaty bones model: manufactured raw food may remain functionally processed.
- Keep observation, published evidence, hypothesis, interpretation and human-health questions in separate evidentiary categories.

THE GOVERNING QUESTION

Can events at the interface of food, gums, microorganisms and immunity regulate the carnivore - and, where the carnivore is a higher-order regulator, influence the wider ecosystem?

COMPANION READING

[Why It Matters](#)
[Cybernetic Hypothesis page](#)
[2026 Journal of Periodontal Research paper](#)
[Alison Tyler review](#)
[The Raw Meaty Bones Record](#)

Reading principle: The practical, scientific, historical and public-interest layers belong to one programme. Different readers need different entry points, not different messages.