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SYMPTOMS

- Diarrhea
- Lack of appetite
- Inability to gain weight
- Stomach distress
- Foul breath

PRODUCTS

- Pet Wellness Blends Giardia Formula
- Coconut Oil
- Herbal Energetics Pet Boost
- Pet Wellness Blends Immune/Mushroom Blend
- Answers Raw Cultured Goat Milk
- Answers Raw Cow Milk Kefir
- Metagenics Ultra-Flora
- Jarrow Petdopholus
- Animal Essential Enzymes and Probiotics

GIARDIA

We know it's gross to talk about poop, but we want you to be informed pet owners! We've been hearing from too many customers that their dogs have giardia, picking it up at local dog recreation areas and swim spots, especially during winter months.

Giardia is a protozoa that lives in the intestine of affected animals. It's not rare, but not all animals actually get sick from it. It's easily spread in contaminated water, and can live in damp environments for quite some time in its cyst form. It's very difficult to find in fecal exams so multiple tests may be needed to verify it.

The main symptom of giardiasis is diarrhea. It may come and go, be of varying "quality," and may even look pale & greasy. If you've been changing foods thinking it was a food allergy but your pet still has diarrhea, it may be giardia. If you have diarrhea combined with an inability to gain weight you probably have giardia. Persistent giardia can also cause lack of appetite, stomach distress, and foul breath. Untreated giardiasis can lead to intestinal scarring and susceptibility to other diseases, so if in doubt, talk to your vet.

A weakened immune system contributes to the growth of giardia in your dog's system. This is why some dogs are unaffected by it while others are terribly ill.

What can weaken the immune system?

- Stress
- Poor intestinal health (lack of beneficial bacteria)
- Processed food diet
- Other health issues
- Some medications

Of course you should work with your veterinarian if you suspect giardia. There are also natural food supplements that can prevent and treat some cases of giardiasis, when used correctly and consistently. Use these if you suspect exposure to giardia, or simply to boost your pet's immune system and digestive health.

- Probiotics: Answers raw cultured dairy foods or dry supplements.
- Anti-Parasitic Herbs: Pet Wellness Blends Giardia Formula
- Immune Stimulating Herbs: Pet Wellness Blends Immune/Mushroom Blend, Herbal Energetics Pet Boost, Pet Wellness Blends Canine Wellness.

Don't just treat your pet's body - the environment is key.

- **Avoid parks (especially dog parks) and freshwater recreation areas until your dog's infestation is resolved (don't spread it around!)**
- Clean everything repeatedly during infestation/treatment. Soap and hot water should be used for floors, bedding, bowls, grooming equipment, etc. Clean up feces immediately and dispose of them in plastic bags.
- The best defense is dryness and heat - so let your yard and patio dry out. If your landscaped areas are always damp they will continue to harbor giardia.