



PANCREATITIS

Get to the vet if you see these symptoms!

- Your pet has vomited several times
- Listless with no appetite
- Your pet's back is arched in discomfort.



DEXTER SUGGESTS

- Monitor your pet's progress with the input of an integrative vet.
- We recommend making a low-fat diet using a freeze-dried premix with boiled meat as the safest way to wean your pet off of commercial prescription food.

Pancreatitis literally means inflammation of the pancreas, the glandular organ that secretes enzymes needed to digest food. When something causes these enzymes to be activated prematurely they can actually begin to digest the pancreas itself, resulting in pain and inflammation. There may also be other diseases involved such as hyperlipidemia, diabetes, hypothyroidism, and EPI.

Pancreatitis occurs in two different forms, acute and chronic, and both may be either mild or severe.

- **Acute pancreatitis** occurs suddenly and is more often severe. Symptoms include vomiting, loss of appetite, and an arched back. Pets may also appear listless and reclusive, refusing to get up and move around. **If your pet is experiencing an acute attack you should go immediately to the vet and follow the prescribed protocol of feeding and care.**
- **Chronic pancreatitis** refers to an ongoing inflammation that is usually less severe and may even be subclinical (no recognizable symptoms).

Many pets who have just one attack and no other related diseases can go back to a normal diet. We recommend that you make changes slowly.

We recommend the use of freeze-dried premixes prepared with boiled meat. A highly digestible low-fat diet is the safest recommendation. This way you can easily customize the diet as needed.

Boiling or baking meat and feeding without the liquid (in an effort to remove fat) will result in the loss of water-soluble nutrients so we strongly recommend adding a taurine supplement such as Herbsmith Taurine Boost.

Low-fat diets long term can make the absorption of some vitamins difficult. Coconut oil, started very slowly, appears safe for most chronic pancreatitis dogs. This should be started well after an acute attack, when the dog's been stable on the low-fat diet made with premix and boiled meat.

If your pet does have other related diseases we recommend that you work with an integrative vet to ensure that your pet's road to wellness is properly monitored.