

# Vitamin D and Your Pet

## Background

Low stores of Vitamin D have been identified as a risk factor in a variety of diseases including cancer, heart and kidney disease, infections, IBD, and others. Vitamin D is primarily derived by your pet's diet as dogs and cats are unable to synthesize Vitamin D from sunlight like people do.

After evaluating your pet, the following reasons have been identified that increase the likelihood that low stores of Vitamin D exist or may occur:



### Patient Demographics

- ☐ Older than 5 years
- ☐ Neutered/Spayed
- ☐ Breed is predisposed to conditions on the right



### Illness and Conditions

- ☐ Cancer
- ☐ Heart Disease
- ☐ Kidney Disease
- ☐ Infection
- ☐ Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- ☐ Arthritis
- ☐ IMHA
- ☐ Diabetes
- ☐ Hyperparathyroidism
- ☐ Hypercalcemia
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



### Diet and Supplementation

- ☐ Recent Diet Change
- ☐ Natural/Homemade Diet
- ☐ Specialized Diet (ie low fat)
- ☐ Taking Steroids
- ☐ Vitamin D Supplement Change

Evaluating Vitamin D uses a **simple blood test**, often performed at the same time as other routine bloodwork, making its analysis convenient for you and your pet. If your pet is found to have insufficient levels, it can easily be corrected through supplementation. By testing, we can tailor a **personalized dosing plan** for your pet, providing you the precise amount of Vitamin D supplementation.



## TEST



## TREAT

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