

# My Pet has Addison's Disease



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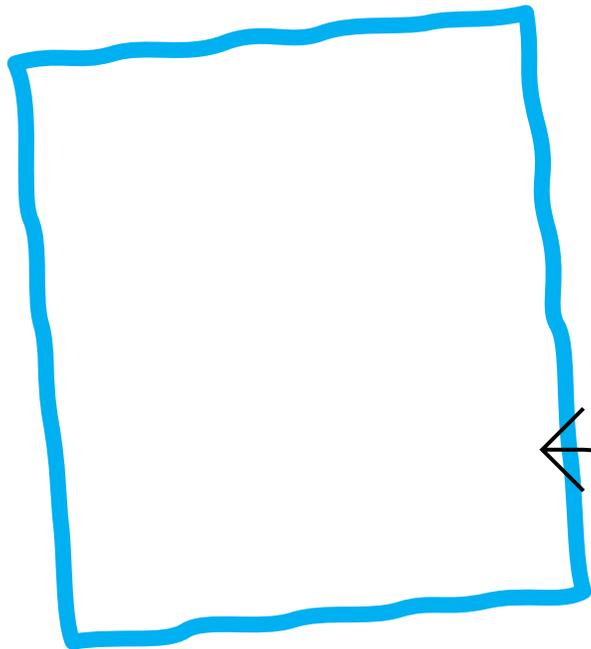
Hello, your vet has told us that your pet been in to visit them.

They have decided that your pet has Addison's Disease and they have asked us to let you know all about it.

We know when pets are poorly it can be a bit worrying, so we wanted to let you know all about your pet's Addison's Disease and hopefully make it a lot less scary!

This pack is full of all sorts of things to help you care for your pet!

Why not draw a picture of your pet in the box?



My Pet





# What is Addison's Disease?

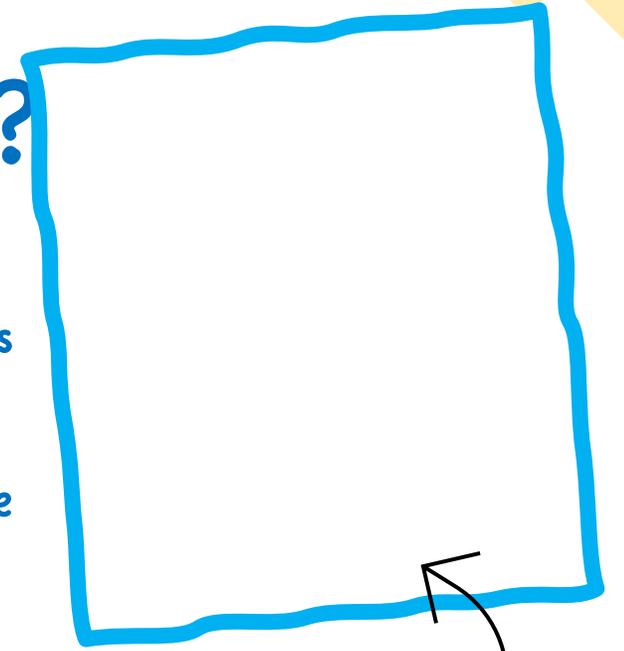
In our pet's body is two little glands, these look like little peas and make something called cortisone. This is a special word for something that makes their body work properly.

When a pet has Addison's Disease their glands don't make enough cortisone which causes a problem.

Addison's Disease usually will make your pet very thirsty and they will also pee a lot. They may throw up now and then.

You might also notice that they are a bit skinny and don't eat as much as before, this is because everything is mixed up due to their Addison's Disease.

In some pets, Addison's Disease can make them fall down (this is called "collapsing"). It's really important if you see this happen that you let a grown up know right away.



My pet's favourite toy is....





# How Can You Help?

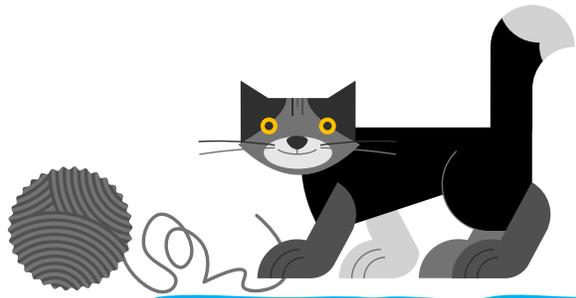
Here are some things that you and your adult can do to help your pet stay happy

- ✓ Let them take their time on walks, if they need to slow down you should let them. Remember they can't help becoming tired easily.
- ✓ Make sure they have enough fresh water. Pets with Addison's Disease can sometimes be very thirsty. What goes in must come out, this means that they will need to go out to use the toilet a few times a day.
- ✓ Make sure you are feeding your pet the right amount of food. Although your pet cannot help losing weight, it is our job as owners to try and keep them from becoming too thin.
- ✓ If your pet collapses, you must tell a grown up right away so they can help your pet feel better.
- ✓ Your grown up can make sure your pet takes any medicine they need to help them feel healthy and happy.



Remember to never climb on your pet or pull them around as this may hurt them.



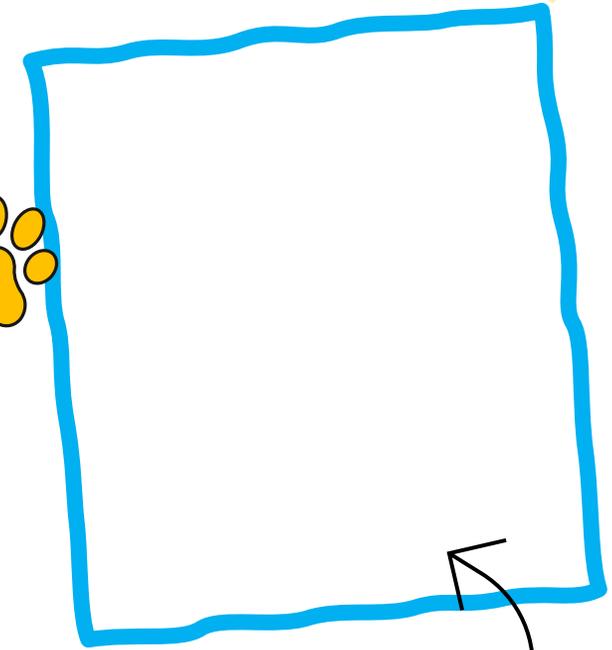


# Being Safe with Medicine

Sometimes pets with Addison's Disease will need to take medicine everyday to stop them making too little cortisone. This medicine has been picked by a vet and is perfect for your pet!

Here are some rules about medicine:

- You must never touch your pet's medicine as it can be dangerous for children.
- Medicine should only be given to your pet by a grown up.
- The medicine for your pet should be kept in a cupboard out of the way.
- If you ever find your pet's medicine, you should tell an adult who can put it away in a safe place.



My pet's favourite food is....





# My Pet's Addison's Disease Diary

Why not keep a diary of how your pet is doing with their Addison's Disease?



Todays Tasks	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
My pet has been fed today?							
My pet has fresh water today?							
My pet has taken it's medicine?							
My pet has had a little exercise?							
My pet is happy today?							
I told my pet I love them today							

Great work!

Remember to tell your pet how good they are each day!





# The Vetsure Kids Good Ownership Award

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