

My Hyperthyroid Pet

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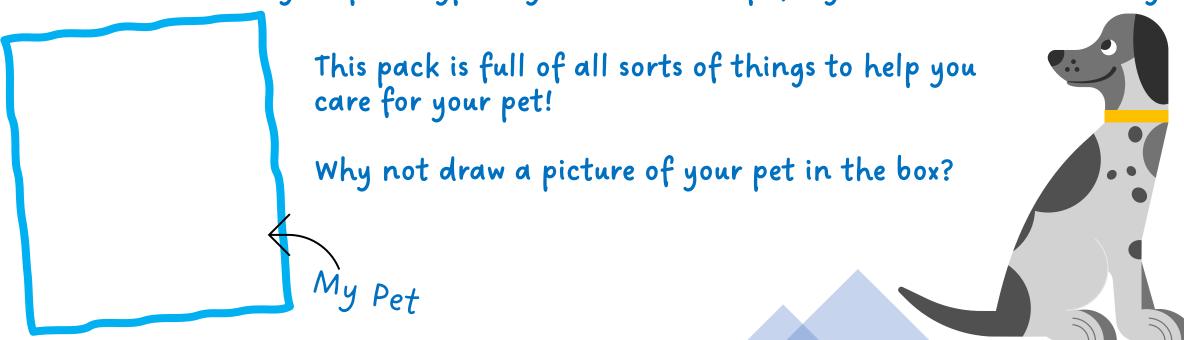


My Pet's Hyperthyroidism

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

They have decided that your pet has hyperthyroidism (what a very long word) 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 hyperthyroidism and hopefully make it a lot less scary!





What is Hyperthyroidism?

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

When a pet has hyperthyroidism their thyroid works too hard to make lots and lots of thyroxine which causes a problem.

Hyperthyroidism usually will make your pet become very skinny, which is really strange because your pet will be so hungry they will want to eat all the time. You might also notice that they are a bit more grumpy, this is because everything is mixed up due to their hyperthyroidism.

It's really important to be kind and gentle with your pet. This includes giving your pet space on their grouchy days.





How Can You Help?

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

- Try not to touch or cuddle your pet if they are feeling grumpy. They are your friend and they would hate to accidently hurt you if they get cross. Giving your pet some space shows them that you care about how they are feeling.
- Make sure you are feeding your pet the right amount of food. Your pet will be hungry all some human food can be dangerous for pets.
- Your grown up can make sure your pet takes any medicine they need to help them feel

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







Being Safe with Medicine

Sometimes pets with hyperthyroidism will need to take medicine everyday to stop them making too much thyroxine. 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 Pets Hyperthyroid Diary

Why not keep a diary of how your pet is doing with their hyperthyroidism?

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!



