

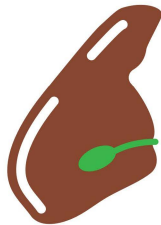
Therapeutic diets

Specially formulated diets can help to treat many different medical conditions.

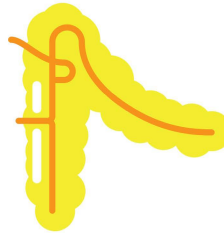
Your pet may be prescribed a therapeutic diet to supplement treatment for:



Kidney disease



Liver disease



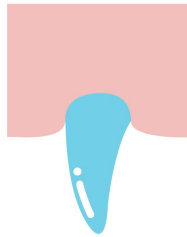
Diabetes mellitus



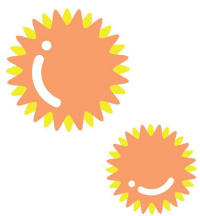
Irritable bowel disease



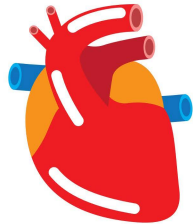
Skin conditions



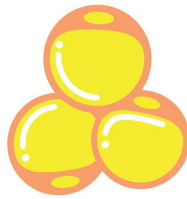
Dental disease



Allergies



Heart disease



Obesity



Arthritis and joint disease

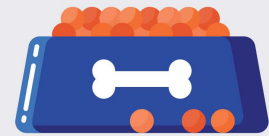
If your pet is on a therapeutic diet, it has been specifically designed to provide the vitamins and nutrients they need. Many of these special diets can be purchased at your veterinary hospital, at PetSmart, or online.

- ▶ Pets do not require therapeutic diets unless recommended by a veterinarian.

Won't a home-made or grain-free diet work?

We strongly recommend using the professionally designed and formulated therapeutic diet recommended by your veterinarian. Most home-made diets or rice mixtures simply do not contain the balanced nutrients your pet needs for long-term health. Boutique, exotic, and grain-free diets may even interfere with nutrient metabolism, and have recently been linked to dilated cardiomyopathy, a fatal canine heart disease.

- ▶ We strongly advise against feeding your pet based on popular trends. Our dietary recommendations are based on veterinary science.



- ▶ It is very difficult to formulate home-made therapeutic diets correctly. We suggest a pet food made with traditional grains, produced by a reputable manufacturer, such as Royal Canin, Hill's, or Purina.
- ▶ Request a one-on-one pet nutrition advice session at your next appointment.

