

# Addison's Disease

## Information about Addison's Disease

Signs of Addison's disease are weakness, lethargy and gastrointestinal signs including vomiting and diarrhoea. Addison's disease is a condition that involves a decrease in adrenal function, this leads to a decrease in the production of mineralocorticoids and sometimes glucocorticoids (a type of essential steroid hormone in the body).

Addison's disease is treated by supplementing the body with the type of steroid that it is unable to produce by itself. This treatment needs to be continued for life and will involve either oral tablets daily or monthly injections.

Blood testing to monitor the effectiveness of the medication will be needed to potentially change the dose depending on the results. This will need to be performed until the right dose is found.

It will be important to monitor your pet closely for any sign of relapse of disease, this can present with gastrointestinal signs (vomiting or diarrhoea), lethargy, collapse or inappetence.



**If you're concerned your pet has Addison's disease or has serious vomiting and diarrhoea please seek veterinary attention early. Our team of amazing veterinarians are available 24/7 for any emergencies when your vet is not available. Feel free to call us if you aren't sure you should see a veterinarian or not, and our team can assist you.**



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