

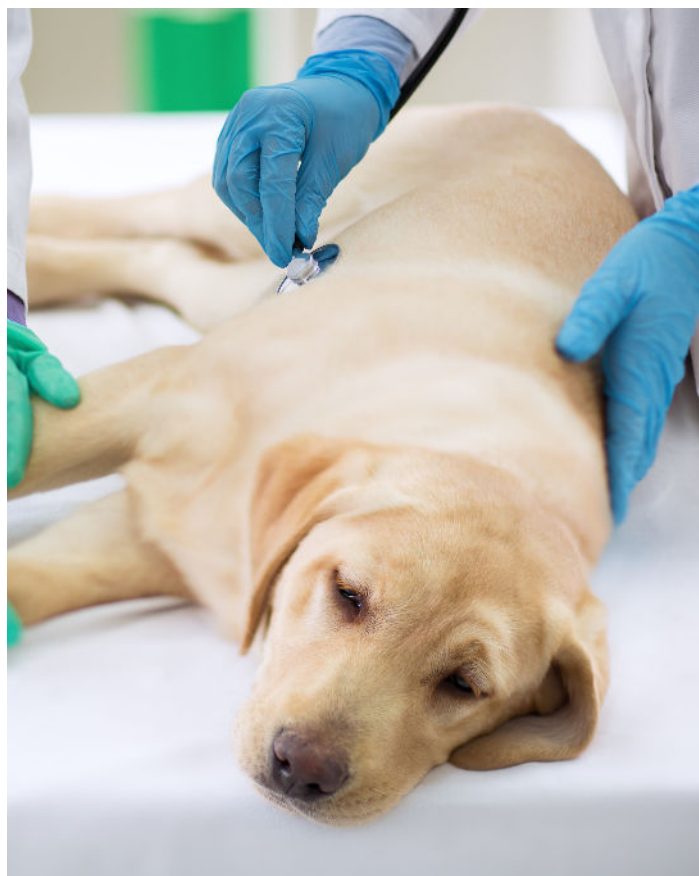
Congestive Heart Failure

Information about Congestive Heart Failure

Signs of Congestive Heart Failure are respiratory issues including coughing at rest, excessive panting, shortness of breathe, lack of appetite, weight loss and a swollen belly.

Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) is caused by heart disease that leads to increase pressure in the left side of the heart and the lungs. This causes fluid to leak into the airspace in the lungs and reduces oxygen flow within the alveoli. This is treated with diuretics to remove the excess fluid from the lungs and other medications to improve the heart's strength and output and slows down any remodeling changes to the heart muscle.

Unfortunately, CHF is a disease that is not curable but is manageable. The medications will treat clinical signs and slow down the disease process. Over time the heart will become worse, and the medication doses will likely need to change.



If you're concerned your pet has Congestive Heart Failure 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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