Diabetes in Dogs and Cats

**Could Your Pet Have Diabetes?**

- Appears fatigued or weak
- Has excessive thirst
- Urinates frequently
- Has an increased appetite
- Has lost weight

*Ask your veterinarian if you see any of these signs!

**Many Factors Affect Your Pet’s Blood Sugar Levels**

- Exercise
- Diet
- Insulin dosage
- Physical activity
- Stress

Stress, like that caused by a visit to the veterinarian, can cause atypical [or non-routine] blood sugar levels.

**HIGH BLOOD SUGAR**

**LOW BLOOD SUGAR**

Many factors contribute to levels:

**A Recipe for Success**

- Consult with veterinarian
- Exercise
- Routines
- Insulin

**How Sugar or Glucose and Insulin Work Together**

1. Stomach changes food into glucose
2. Pancreas releases insulin into bloodstream
3. Insulin carries glucose into cells to be used as energy
4. Pancreas releases insulin into bloodstream
5. Glucose enters the bloodstream
6. Insulin reduces blood sugar.

**Diabetes in Pets**

- During a recent four-year study, diabetes diagnosis in pets has increased by 32 percent in dogs and 16 percent in cats.

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**Causes of High Blood Sugar**

- Apnea
- Appears fatigued or weak
- Has excessive thirst
- Urinates frequently
- Has an increased appetite
- Has lost weight

**Causes of Low Blood Sugar**

- Dehydration
- Stomach changes food into glucose
- Appears fatigued or weak
- Urinates frequently
- Has an increased appetite
- Has lost weight

**At-Home Monitoring**

- Provides accurate data for your veterinarian to make informed management decisions.
- Helps identify potentially serious diabetes complications.
- Saves time and eases stress.

834 Diabetic-Pet Owners Said:

- 66% of cat owners
- 50% of dog owners

**Consult with veterinarian**

**Diabetes in Dogs and Cats**

- Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes in pets is more common than you think and more manageable than you’d imagine.
- With careful monitoring and a thorough plan, your diabetic dog or cat can lead an active, happy life.