



## HOW NATURALPET.HEALTH CAN HELP YOUR DOG'S LIVER

### WHAT THE LIVER DOES:

- uses food to create proteins necessary for survival
- aids in food digestion
- removes toxins from the blood

### TESTS YOUR VETERINARIAN MAY RUN FOR AN ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS:

- Radiographs to evaluate the structure of the liver, heart, and abdomen
- Blood panel to evaluate liver function
- Ultrasound examination to evaluate liver structure
- Bile acid blood study to evaluate liver function
- Urinalysis to evaluate systemic health

### INTEGRATIVE CARE

- Curcumin** 50 mg per lb body weight per day to reduce inflammation and scarring (cirrhosis)
- SAMe**— DeLiver or Denamarin to support liver function
- Fish oil** to provide 50 mg of omega 3 fatty acids per lb body weight per day.
- Vetriscience Pro Hepatic Support**— Western herbal support for the liver
- Religious dental prophylaxis to minimize bacterial infections.

### DRUGS

- Antibiotics, because 60% of hepatitis cases have a bacterial component
- Atopica for immune-mediated hepatitis. This is a very common cause of CAH, or Chronic Active Hepatitis, so talk to your vet about it.
- Ursodiol to support bile metabolism

### DIET

- Goal is lower quantity but higher quality of protein
  - Homecooked
  - Prescription: Blue, Royal Canin, Hill's L/D

### MONITORING

- If acute, blood panel/urinalysis at two and four weeks
- If chronic, blood panel/urinalysis every 6 months
- Body weight once a month

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