

PET HEALTH

Supporting Your Pet's Liver Health

(NAPSA)—Many may be surprised to learn that a disease commonly associated with humans can also put your dog or cat at risk. Fortunately, there are management options.

Experts say that liver disease can affect pets of any age. The liver is the body's largest internal organ and has many essential functions. It makes bile—which is used in the digestion of food—and produces enzymes, hormones, proteins and other substances. It also filters waste products in the bloodstream.

Signs of liver disease can be nonspecific and may include vomiting, diarrhea, decreased appetite, jaundice, poor attitude and increased thirst/urination, among others. If your pet is showing any of these signs, be sure to contact your veterinarian as soon as possible. Diagnosing liver disease involves an examination and labwork plus, potentially, X-rays and an ultrasound.

Management Options

Management depends on the specific issue, but no matter what the issue is, your veterinarian may recommend a supplement to help support your pet's liver health.

For instance, the s-adenosylmethionine (SAMe) supplement Denosyl® can help by increasing levels of glutathione, an antioxidant and the liver's main detoxifier.



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It's also thought another option, Marin® liver health supplement, can help provide support and protection. It contains silybin A+B (actives from milk thistle extract) and vitamin E; Marin for Dogs also contains zinc.

S-adenosylmethionine may be recommended to support brain health, too, especially in senior dogs. Both Denosyl for Dogs and Marin for Cats and Dogs are now available at PetSmart.

Denosyl liver health supplement for dogs and cats and Marin liver health supplement for dogs and cats are from Nutramax Laboratories Veterinary Sciences, Inc., the maker of Cosequin® joint health supplement.

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