



Therapeutic Supplement Review with Whole Pet Provisions

We are happy to assist you with a review of the current supplement products your pet is using as well as offer new supplement suggestions that may benefit your dog/cat in combination with your Nutrition Consultation. The Nutrition Consultation service will include an appropriate vitamin mineral supplementation needed to complete and balance the homemade diet (no additional charge). The add-on Therapeutic Supplement Review service covers additional supplements by request which are used for "therapeutic" purposes (intended to manage a disease condition or risk for a disease state) rather than to fulfill nutritional needs of the dog or cat. We also refer to these as supplements as "Nutraceuticals". In some cases, a nutrient will be used for both purposes.

Considerable time investment is required to research products and ingredients, check dosing, and consider potential interactions (supplement-drug, supplement-diet) as well as confirm the appropriateness of each supplement. Our review is based on a combination of available research as well as clinical experience. This supplement review generally will include review of up to 5 supplements or less, or an additional charge may be applied if additional time is required for the review process of an extensive list of products.

For supplement products that you may be currently using, we ask that you provide a link to each product for this review or submit photos of the product label (legible front and back) so we may confirm the exact brand/product/ingredients. Please provide us the exact dosing you are using i.e., amount and frequency of supplement you are giving or have given.

We will confirm the appropriateness of a supplement and may recommend continuing it, or we may recommend eliminating it, and/or we can suggest alternatives to current products or new supplements. We generally support "more is not better", and instead we provide logical, science based therapeutic supplement plans for a specific pet using supplements that have justifiable use and, in our experience, are safe and efficacious. For some disease states it may be best to stop all supplements while transitioning to your new complete and balanced homemade diet, then selectively add high value supplements back to the management plan one at a time. It is our priority to have you successfully transition to the new diet and then allow ample time to see how the diet impacts your pet's health. After this we will provide a stepwise plan to add the therapeutic supplements as outlined.

The Therapeutic Supplement Review does not include evaluation of Chinese herbal formulations or Homeopathic Remedies, as these are best prescribed by a veterinarian who has had training in these disciplines and also physically sees and examines the patient. Proper use of these modalities will include both a conventional and integrative physical examination. We are happy to provide a referral for you if you are interested in this type of consultation.

Thank you,

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