

Prescription for Care



Diabetes and Your Pet

What is Diabetes Mellitus?

Diabetes Mellitus is a condition that causes a high blood sugar level due to either a lack of insulin production or insulin resistance. Click here to learn more:

<https://www.avma.org/resources/pet-owners/petcare/diabetes-pets#:~:text=In%20addition%2C%20diabetic%20pets%20should,or%20lower%20urinary%20tract%20infections.>

Treatment

Your Veterinarian has prescribed a treatment plan tailored to your pet's needs which may involve oral medication, a new diet and/or treating your pet with insulin injections. Successful treatment of diabetes involves a partnership with your Veterinarian. Working together will provide the best possible care and outcomes for your pet. If you have any questions about your pet's treatment plan, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Insulin and Syringes

Insulin syringes are calibrated to match the insulin concentration. It is very important that you only use the prescribed syringes to ensure accurate dosing.

- Click here to read and view video links on how to prepare the injection and administer insulin to your cat: <https://veterinarypartner.vin.com/default.aspx?pid=19239&id=4951390>
- Click here to read about how to prepare the injection and administer insulin to your dog: <https://veterinarypartner.vin.com/default.aspx?pid=19239&id=4952915>
- Click here for a video demonstration on how to administer an injection of insulin to your pet: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_OStT3ERX8

Resources for Monitoring your Pet at Home

- Alpha Trac Blood Glucose Monitor
 - Click here to learn how to use your Alpha Trac Blood Glucose monitor: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oe37XpzuvDg>
 - Click here on how to collect a blood sample from your pet at home: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qD6tkpjgDOE>
 - Click here for a copy of our home blood glucose monitoring chart: <https://ildertonpethospital.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Diabetes-Monitoring-Chart.pdf>
- FreeStyle Libre Monitor
 - Click here to learn how to use the Free Style Libre Monitor and App for glucose monitoring: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePnLXUcdBfc>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIDRGD0Rprc>

The goal of treating your pet's diabetes is to reduce the clinical signs of weight loss, excessive thirst and urination, excessive appetite and reduce the risk of health complications such as infections, neuropathy, and cataracts. Many diabetic patients will still develop some of these complications even with proper regulation. We are here to help. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about your pet and their diabetes management.