

# YOUR DOG HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE (CHF)



## How does Congestive Heart Failure affect my dog?

A heart murmur may indicate early heart disease. In most cases heart disease will be diagnosed when the body's compensatory mechanisms are no longer able to maintain adequate circulation. At this stage some of the following symptoms may be seen.

## Symptoms of Congestive Heart Failure

- ♡ Reluctance to exercise
- ♡ Weight loss
- ♡ Tiring more easily
- ♡ Breathing difficulties
- ♡ Fainting
- ♡ Coughing
- ♡ Loss of alertness

## How common is Congestive Heart Failure in dogs?

Approximately 10% of dogs have some form of heart disease. Your dog is not alone in having been diagnosed with CHF.

## How does VETMEDIN® help my dog?

VETMEDIN® opens up blood vessels reducing the heart's workload. At the same time VETMEDIN® makes the heart stronger, which makes it work more efficiently. Many dogs begin to feel better during the first week of treatment with VETMEDIN®. If you do not see signs of improvement in your dog, be sure to contact your veterinarian.

## Can Congestive Heart Failure be cured?

There is no cure for CHF. However, with modern drugs such as VETMEDIN®, the progression of the disease can be slowed and its symptoms managed. This gives your dog a better quality of life for a longer period.

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# YOUR DOG HAS BEEN PRESCRIBED VETMEDIN®

VETMEDIN® IS DESIGNED TO TREAT CANINE HEART FAILURE. VETMEDIN® WILL RELIEVE THE SIGNS OF CHF, AND HELP TO ADDRESS THE UNDERLYING CAUSE.

## How do I give VETMEDIN®?

VETMEDIN® capsules should be given to your dog twice a day, about 12 hours apart, at the dose prescribed by your veterinarian.

It is important to give the capsules to your dog at least one hour before feeding, as administration with food will reduce absorption. If necessary, the capsule may be hidden in a small treat.

While missing a capsule is not ideal, you don't need to worry. Just proceed as normal and give the next dose when due. There is no need to give a higher dose.

## Does VETMEDIN® have any side effects?

VETMEDIN® has been administered at many times the recommended dose with no adverse effects. In a small number of dogs vomiting may be observed as a side effect, but this is very rare. If this occurs, please contact your veterinarian who will advise you on what to do.

## What do I need to do now?

Now that your dog has been diagnosed, and prescribed VETMEDIN®, there are a number of things that you can do to help your dog:

- ♡ Ensure that he/she receives their medication at least 1 hour before feeding.
- ♡ Ensure that he/she visits your veterinarian regularly for check ups. This is particularly important in the early stages of treatment.
- ♡ If he/she deteriorates contact your veterinarian immediately for advice.
- ♡ Maintain your dog's weight at an appropriate level. Your veterinarian can advise you on this.
- ♡ Follow your veterinarian's advice on exercise restriction.
- ♡ Review your dog's diet—there may be benefits in changing it. Again, your veterinarian can advise you on this.

**WITH APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT, AN ACTIVE, LONGER LIFE IS NOW POSSIBLE FOR YOUR DOG.**

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