



Natural Help for...

Addison's Disease in Pets



What is Addison's Disease?

Addison's disease, also known as hypoadrenocorticism, is an endocrine disorder that develops as a result of **insufficient production of adrenal hormones** by the adrenal gland. While Addison's disease in dogs is fairly uncommon and seldom occurs in cats, it can affect any breed or sex.

Canine Addison's disease has a greater chance of occurring or **certain breeds may be predisposed** to get it, such as poodles, German Shepherds, Great Danes, Airedales or St. Bernards. In order to fully understand the implications of this disorder, you have to an understanding of the anatomy and functions of the adrenal glands. There are two adrenal glands located in the abdomen in front of the kidneys.

The adrenal glands secrete several different hormones such as corticosteroids, androgens and mineralocorticoids. These hormones **metabolize proteins, fats and carbohydrates**, and regulate the balance of water, salt and potassium. The adrenal glands also secrete adrenalin, which controls the body's reaction to stress. They regulate blood pressure and heart rate, plus maintain blood sugar levels. Thus, imbalances in hormonal levels can disrupt all of these bodily systems.

Symptoms and signs

Symptoms are sometimes very vague and may often be mistaken for another disease. Common symptoms and signs of chronic Addison's disease include:

- Lethargy
- Poor appetite
- Vomiting
- Weight loss and anorexia
- Dehydration
- Depression
- Muscle weakness

Common symptoms during an Addisonian crisis are very severe and include:

- Severe symptoms of shock – animal collapses, shakes and has low body temperature
- Heart arrhythmia, heart stoppage and death

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The exact [cause of Addison's disease](#) is not known. However, it is believed that the adrenal glands are damaged by the animal's own immune system.

Other factors that may contribute to the [cause of Addison's disease](#) includes **hereditary factors, infections, pituitary gland disease**, trauma, cancer, or the discontinuation of steroid medication. There is no cure for [Addison's disease](#), but with early diagnosis and long-term treatment your pet can still enjoy quality of life.

Diagnosing Addison's Disease

The [diagnosis of Addison's disease](#) is based on the symptoms presented, **thorough physical examination and review of your pet's medical history**. Certain diagnostic tests such as a complete blood count (CBC), blood chemistry profile, urinalysis, x-rays of the chest and abdomen, ACTH stimulation test or ultrasound may be performed to confirm the diagnosis and rule out any other disorders.

Help for Addison's Disease

Treatment generally depends on the severity of symptoms and overall health of your pet. For chronic Addison's, **corticosteroid and mineralocorticoid replacement therapy** as well as a daily supplementation of salt may be administered.

In a crisis situation where more severe symptoms are present, **hospitalization may be required**. Intravenous fluids, electrolyte and acid-base monitoring and mineralocorticoid replacement therapy will be administered.

Natural Remedies

Natural and holistic remedies can also be used as part of a broader treatment approach to **reduce the [symptoms of Addison's disease in pets](#)**. Herbal and homeopathic remedies are safe and effective, and help to support overall health and well-being.

Carefully selected herbs such as Chamomilla, Lycopus, and Zingiber **promote systemic balance in the endocrine system** responsible for maintaining body temperature, metabolism, fertility, and growth. Homeopathic ingredients such Cratageous and Nux vom supports the endocrine system and thyroid functioning.

Tips to manage Addison's disease

Although there is no [cure for Addison's disease](#), there are several things that you can do to ensure that your pet continues to lead a normal, active life:

- Give your pet a special concentrated diet that contains all the essential nutrients that your vet has recommended. Warm the food until just below body temperature.
- Set up a comfortable and safe area of confinement such as a crate or kennel for your pet
- Always provide clean, fresh water that is easily accessible for your pet



Michele Carelse, Clinical Psychologist



All of our natural remedies are formulated by our expert team of herbalists, naturopaths and homeopaths, and headed by Michele Carelse.

Michele has had years of experience in the manufacturing and use of natural remedies for both people and pets. In addition, she is a trained Clinical Psychologist and has been incorporating natural remedies into her treatment of patients with depression, anxiety, ADD, ADHD and stress for many years with spectacular results.

- Make sure that you provide extra padding and softness for your pet's bed to ease pain and discomfort
- Strengthen your pet's immune system with immune-building supplements
- Monitor your pet's appetite and general demeanour to see if there is any change in his condition
- Reduce stress and anxiety pet and prepare or avoid situations that may cause physical or emotional distress for your pet
- Brush your pet slowly with a soft brush – your pet will find your touch very soothing
- Stock up on special treats for your pet, especially when he may not want to eat
- Visit your vet regularly for routine check ups
- Be patient and compassionate- remember that your pet cannot tell you what he needs

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If you have a question about one of our products, its usage or dosage, ask Michele and her team of experts about about it [HERE!](#) We will do our best to get you an answer within 24 hours.

The Natural Approach

While Western medicine has become the norm in many cultures, it is not the only treatment option. Conventional western medicine, often called allopathic medicine, is the system of medicine taught at most medical schools and most pharmaceutical and synthetic medicines are manufactured and marketed according to the principles of allopathic medicine. Allopathic medicine is also sometimes called orthodox medicine.

Because most of us in the Western world have grown up in a society in which allopathic medicine is the prevailing norm, we forget that, only a few decades ago, homeopathic, herbal and other natural medicines were commonly available – and freely used even by conventional doctors and veterinarians. While there are often heated debates about which system of medicine is 'better' than the other, many responsible doctors and vets (whether they are allopathic or not) recognize that both have a role to play in the treatment program.

Just like humans, domesticated animals like dogs and cats are affected by the health hazards of modern living. Pollution, poor nutrition, stress and unhealthy lifestyles can lead to a variety of illnesses and conditions that are very similar to those experienced by humans. In fact, many, if not most pet health concerns can be addressed by helping your pets to live a healthier lifestyle. While it has its place, conventional medicine for animals and 'modern technology' have failed our pets in many ways.

According to pet expert and author CJ Puotinen, most holistic veterinarians and animal health care professions list annual vaccinations and commercial pet foods as the major contributory cause in the rising rates of chronic illness in pets today. Similarly, Juliette de Bairacli Levy, respected author and renowned animal breeder, points out that contrary to the belief that mass vaccination and antibiotic use will contribute to a decrease in disease, the opposite has in fact proved true. Like their human counterparts, today's pets are becoming more and more vulnerable to chronic disease and ill health. This has led many veterinarians to search for alternatives and to espouse more holistic methods of keeping our pets healthy.

"In the wild, animals instinctively seek out healing herbs to help them when they are ill or undernourished. In fact, Asclepius, the ancient Greek god of medicine, respected dogs very highly for their ability to seek out and eat medicinal herbs in

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the wild. This ability is shared by other animals, including cats. We are coming to realize that nature often has the answers - but animals have always known this! Natural medicine can help your pet just as it can help you. While there is always a place for conventional veterinary medicine, natural medicine can compliment conventional veterinary care and in many cases do just as well. I have applied the same care and research that have gone into our Native Remedies range for adults and children to the development of pet-friendly, safe and effective natural remedies for animals. As always, all remedies are formulated to the highest therapeutic standards and manufactured under strict pharmaceutical conditions for your peace of mind and the well being of your pets. " Michele Carelse, Clinical Psychologist.

"When a veterinary surgeon practices the use of homeopathic medicine and is asked why he does so, he may give one of several answers. The simple answer would be that the results are good, an emphatic answer would be that homeopathic treatment has no unpleasant or dangerous side effects, while still achieving successful results.

The [PetAlive Homeopathic range](#) has been formulated with this knowledge and is specifically designed to treat your pet in a holistic and natural manner."

Dr. Glenn Ferguson
M-Tech Homeopathy, Doctor of Chinese Medicine

Related Natural Remedies:

[Adrenal Super-Boost](#): Homeopathic remedy temporarily relieves adrenal fatigue & supports adrenal gland functioning

Adrenal Super-Boost is an FDA-registered natural remedy containing *100% homeopathic ingredients* known for their ability to provide short-term **relief of adrenal fatigue**, as well as support the functioning of the entire endocrine system.

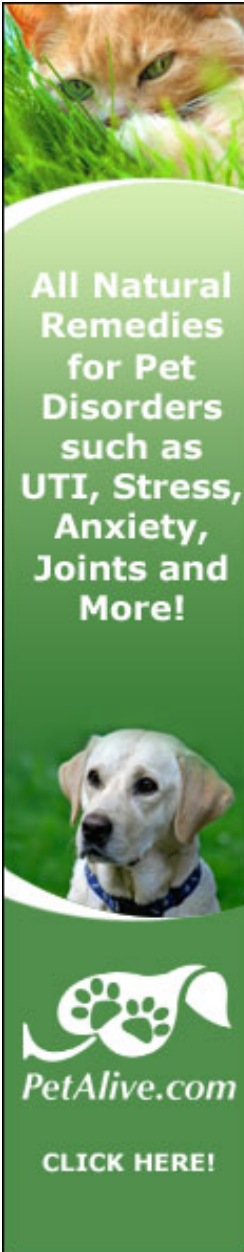
Taken internally, the ingredients in Adrenal Super-Boost address acute symptoms such as **weight gain, low energy levels and mood fluctuation** – as well as help maintain **adrenal gland balance in dogs and cats**.

Presented in a convenient dissolvable granule form, the tiny granules are easy to administer (even to animals that will not swallow tablets) and are simply sprinkled on the back of the tongue and left to dissolve.


All Native Remedies homeopathic products and biochemic tissue salts are manufactured in an FDA and GMP registered pharmaceutical facility under the supervision of qualified homeopaths and responsible pharmacists. Individual ingredients are listed in the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States (HPUS).


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Taken internally, the ingredients in Thyroid Soothe address acute symptoms such as **appetite disturbance, hyperactivity, shedding and increased nervousness** – as well as helping to maintain balance in the thyroid gland. In addition, **routine energy levels and a healthy weight and hair growth** are also supported.

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3) All our remedies are manufactured in an FDA registered pharmaceutical facility under close supervision.

This includes formulation, acquiring and testing of raw ingredients as well as final manufacturing. This gives us the confidence to say that when you are buying a PetAlive product, you are buying the safest and the best! We know what goes into our remedies - which is why we know what you will get out of them!

4) Manufacturing is done strictly according to the principles of GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice) and all raw ingredients undergo stringent testing before being approved by our registered manufacturing pharmacists.

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