



Natural Help for...

Pet Hypothyroidism



What is Hypothyroidism?

Hypothyroidism is a thyroid problem that is very common in dogs, and but seldom occurs in cats. Hypothyroidism is due to an **underactive thyroid gland** and not enough thyroid hormone is produced, thereby slowing everything down.

The common symptoms and signs of hypothyroidism include:

- Weight gain/obesity
- Lethargy/low energy levels
- Dry skin or hair loss
- Constipation
- Slow heart rate
- Anemia
- Intolerance to cold
- High blood cholesterol
- Infertility
- Seizures

Behavioral changes may also occur and include anxiety and depression, as well as hyperactivity, being unfocused or passive.

What Causes Hypothyroidism?

The exact cause is unknown but it may be caused by an **auto-immune response** in which the dog's own immune system kills cells of the thyroid gland. Dogs that usually suffer from recurring skin problems have hypothyroidism.

Certain dog breeds seem to be **more predisposed to hypothyroidism than others**. This disorder typically affects mid to large size breeds such as Dobermans, Golden Retrievers, Dachshunds, Miniature Schnauzers, Cocker Spaniels and Airedale Terriers.

It develops in dogs between the ages of 4 and 10 years old. Female **unspayed dogs tend to be affected more**, although it occurs in both males and females. There is no cure for hypothyroidism but with treatment, pets can continue to enjoy good quality of life.

Diagnosing Hypothyroidism

The diagnosis of a hypothyroidism is based on the symptoms, thorough physical examination and review of your pet's medical history. Certain tests such as a Baseline T4 Test, Baseline T3 Test, or TSH Stimulation Test will be performed **if**

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hypothyroidism is suspected. Your vet will choose the test most suited for your dog's symptoms. Generally, the TSH Stimulation Test will reveal whether your dog has a low T4 or T3 level.

Help for Hypothyroidism

[Treatment of hypothyroidism](#) in dogs involves a daily dose of synthetic T4 hormone known as thyroxine (levothyroxine). Thereafter, follow-up blood tests will be taken in about six weeks to ascertain whether there is any improvement. This is **life-long therapy** but dogs usually go on to enjoy good health for the rest of their lives.

Natural Remedies

Natural and holistic treatments offer a gentler alternative to conventional medications without being addictive. There are many **herbs that are safe and effective** to use and addresses the major symptoms of [thyroid disorders in pets](#). Carefully selected herbal ingredients such as Huang Qi, Kelp, Siberian Ginseng and Urtica urens helps to [improve thyroid functioning](#) and symptoms associated with [hypothyroidism](#).

Tips to prevent thyroid problems

Although hypothyroidism cannot be prevented, there are certain things that you can do to ease symptoms and improve overall health and these include:

- Feed your pet a natural, raw and well balanced diet that contains all the essential vitamins, minerals and nutrients
- Incorporate small amounts of kelp to prevent deficiencies in [thyroid health](#)
- Ensure that your pet gets regular exercise
- Boost your dog or cat's immune system with immune-boosting supplements
- Take your pet to the vet for annual check-ups and monitor any abnormal physical and behavioral changes
- If your pet suffers from a thyroid problem, become as knowledgeable as possible about this health problem

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.



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.

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 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.

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

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