

Veterinary diets made with high levels of fish and other marine ingredients to support pet health



## DIABETIC SUPPORT DIETS

PET NAME

RECOMMENDED DIET

FEEDING AMOUNT PER DAY



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Your vet has suggested that your pet may benefit from a diet, to help manage their diabetes – here is how can diet help.

Insulin helps the body turn blood glucose (sugar) into energy. In healthy pets, as blood glucose levels rise more insulin is produced. With diabetes there is a problem with the insulin – in diabetic dogs, less insulin produced and in diabetic cats the main problem is that they are not responsive to the insulin that is produced. This means the body is less able to control glucose levels so you need to help manage the supply of glucose with diet.

Carbohydrates are broken down into sugar. For diabetics it is important to both reduce the levels of carbohydrates diet and to use carbohydrates that are more slowly converted into sugar. SPECIFIC diabetic diets have low carbohydrate levels and contain carbohydrate sources as oats, peas and lentils, which release glucose very slowly. Increased levels of fibre also help to slow the release of glucose.

High levels of omega-3 fatty acids from fish and krill in the diet help to support insulin sensitivity and provide support for associated problems of high cholesterol and blood pressure.

