

Client's name:

Pet's name:

Recommended diet for your dog (tick box):

GASTRO INTESTINAL
JUNIOR

GASTRO INTESTINAL

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MODERATE CALORIE

Recommended diet for your cat (tick box):

GASTRO INTESTINAL

GASTRO INTESTINAL
MODERATE CALORIE

Recommended daily intake:

grams (dry)

cans

pouches

If you have further questions, please contact your veterinary practice.



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If you have any further questions regarding intestinal disorders in pets, you will find useful information online:



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Key benefits

Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal diets contain select ingredients to meet the specific needs of your pet.



Highly digestible ingredients, prebiotics, fish oils (Omega-3 fatty acids), beet pulp and psyllium help support the digestive process.



An exceptional palatability encourages voluntary feeding and therefore easier, quicker recovery and weight gain (or maintenance) in an ill pet.



High energy diets allow reduced meal volumes and minimise Gastro Intestinal load - useful for pets with reduced food intake.



Omega-3 fatty acids from fish oils to help support digestive health.

Additional benefits

Gastro Intestinal diets may also have the following additional benefits.



GI Junior Canine kibbles are designed to be rehydrated into a 'porridge' facilitating the feeding of puppies who are making a transition to dry food.



GI Junior Canine takes the nutritional needs of growing puppies into account with a particular balance of energy, calcium and phosphorous.



Reduced calorie content limits weight gain in overweight pets or those with a tendency to gain weight.



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Dietary management for pets with intestinal disorders



The recommended diet

Feeding the correct diet is crucial for the nutritional support pets with digestive tract disorders. Everyone who comes into contact with your pet should realise the importance of feeding only the recommended diet. This means avoiding all treats or snacks.

Your Veterinary Surgeon will advise you when to begin to feed a highly digestible, low residue diet. Small, frequent meals will reduce the workload on the intestines by reducing the volume of food that they receive at any one time.

Many diseases and digestive disorders can cause a lack of interest in food. Because of this, a special diet must not only support health but must taste good too. Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal diets are designed specifically with high palatability in mind. They are available only from your veterinary practice. These diets should be the sole source of food for your pet unless otherwise indicated by your Veterinary Surgeon.



A specific diet for your pet

The two most common signs associated with disturbances of the gastro intestinal tract are vomiting and diarrhoea. Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal diets are recommended for the nutritional support of animals with following conditions:

- Diarrhoea
- Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency (EPI)
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)
- Colitis
- Convalescence
- Bacterial overgrowth
- Maldigestion/ malabsorption
- Anorexia

Antioxidants

Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal diets are enriched in antioxidants (vitamin E, taurine and lutein) to help maintain health and vitality.

'Antioxidant' is a general term for nutrients such as vitamins, minerals and other components naturally present in many foods. Antioxidants neutralise free radicals produced even during normal body metabolism, but more so when your pet is ill.

Key features

Key features of Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal diets are:

- High protein level
- High energy density
- Highly digestible fats
- Low fibre
- Prebiotics (FOS & MOS)



Gastro Intestinal kibble (approximate size)

A pet's response to dietary management in each of these cases is unique however, so always follow the advice in feeding given by your veterinary practice.

Changing your pet's diet

Changing your pet's diet should always be carried out over several days. It is not uncommon for pets to refuse a new diet or to suffer from stomach or gut upsets if the change is not gradual. On day 1, begin by adding a small amount of the new diet to your pet's existing food. As each day passes, add more of the new diet to less of the original food, until eventually you are only feeding the new diet. This change should take around 5-7 days.

Royal Canin are leaders in palatability. So confident are we that your pet will enjoy their food that we offer a no quibble, money-back guarantee. Simply return the food to your veterinary practice for a full refund*.



* Terms and conditions apply

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

How does a Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal diet meet the specific needs of my pet?

Nutritional support plays a key role in the management of pets with gastrointestinal disease. Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal diets are formulated to:

- Provide adequate nutrition despite reduced absorption of nutrients
- Reduce the severity of diarrhoea
- Provide nutrients essential for the regeneration and support of the gastro intestinal tract

To achieve this Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal contains highly digestible protein, fat and carbohydrate. The diets are also enriched with antioxidants.

My Veterinary Surgeon told me that my dog is affected by 'Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency'. I would like to know more about this condition.

The pancreas lies close to the stomach and is important for the production of the hormone insulin (for glucose absorption) and pancreatic enzymes. Pancreatic enzymes are important for the

digestion of nutrients, including protein, carbohydrates and fats. Some dogs are only able to produce small amounts of pancreatic enzymes and so suffer from a reduced ability to digest nutrients. Dogs with EPI are often underweight because of impaired nutrient digestion and absorption. Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal diets provide specific nutrients that are highly digestible allowing complete provision of energy needs.

My pet is affected by 'acute diarrhoea'. What does this mean?

Your pet is affected by acute diarrhoea when the normal digestive processes are disturbed. Water and nutrients are not being efficiently absorbed from the intestinal tract into the body; this results in frequent toileting habits of larger volumes with higher moisture content. Pets with severe diarrhoea are at risk of becoming dehydrated due to this loss of fluid. Vomiting, if present, results in even more fluid loss.

Your Veterinary Surgeon will advise you when to begin to feed a Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal diet. These highly digestible, 'bland' diets allow the intestine to easily digest and absorb the essential nutrients and energy needed by your pet.

What does 'lactose-free' mean?

Lactose is a milk protein and intolerance to lactose is a common food intolerance which occurs in both dogs and cats. It usually results in diarrhoea. The levels of lactase, the enzyme needed to digest lactose, fall after weaning. If milk is fed to adult dogs and cats, undigested lactose remaining within the small intestine can cause digestive disorders. Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal diet does not contain lactose, so avoiding this problem.

What is an enzyme?

Enzymes are 'chemical scissors' which break down all nutrients eaten by the dog into particles small enough to be absorbed into the body and used for vital functions. Pancreatic enzymes, for example are needed for the breakdown and digestion of fats.

What should I feed after my pet has had an operation?

Following surgery, your Veterinary Surgeon may give you a Royal Canin Recovery Pack. These packs contain Gastro Intestinal, which provides the nutrients your pet needs for wound support and encourages a return to good health in a very easily digested format.

