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

GASTRO INTESTINAL LOW FAT

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

- A low fat content helps support digestive function in dogs who are sensitive to dietary fat.

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

- A patented combination of antioxidants work together to help neutralise free radicals.

Additional benefits
Gastro Intestinal Low Fat diets may also have additional benefits.

- Low fibre in the dry diet helps regulate digestibility and nutrient absorption.

- An adapted fibre mix promotes intestinal health and good stool quality.

If you have further questions, please contact your veterinary practice.
**The recommended diet**

Feeding the correct diet is crucial for the nutritional management of dogs with digestive tract disorders. In some instances dogs are best fed a bland and low fat diet.

Small, frequent meals will reduce the volume of food that the intestines receive at any one time and hence the overall digestive workload.

Everyone who comes into contact with your dog should realise the importance of feeding only the recommended diet. This means avoiding all treats or snacks.

Many diseases and digestive disorders can cause a lack of interest in food. Because of this, a special diet must not only benefit health but must be highly palatable. Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal Low Fat diet is designed with these needs in mind. It is available only from your veterinary practice. It should be the sole source of food unless otherwise indicated by your Veterinary Surgeon.

**A specific diet for your pet**

Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal Low Fat diet provides nutritional support for dogs with fat sensitive conditions:

- Some cases of acute and chronic diarrhoea
- Acute and chronic pancreatitis
- Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency where fat intolerance is present

**Key features**

The key features of Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal Low Fat diet are:

- Restricted levels of highly digestible fat
- High quality, digestible protein
- Highly digestible carbohydrates
- Low fibre

The two most common signs associated with disturbances of the gastrointestinal tract are vomiting and diarrhoea. This diet is formulated to help manage dogs with these signs.

**Antioxidants**

Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal Low Fat diet is enriched in antioxidants (vitamin E, vitamin C, 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.

**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*.

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**ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS**

**How does Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal Low Fat diet meet the specific needs of my dog?**

Nutritional support plays a key role in the management of gastrointestinal disease. Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal Low Fat diet is formulated to:

- Provide adequate nutrition despite reduced absorption in the Gastro Intestinal system
- Help reduce the severity of diarrhoea
- Provide nutrients to help support digestive security

**To achieve this Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal Low Fat contains highly digestible protein and carbohydrate, and a reduced level of highly digestible fat.**

**My dog is affected by ‘acute diarrhoea’. What does this mean?**

Your dog is affected by acute diarrhoea when the normal digestive processes are disturbed. Water and nutrients are not efficiently absorbed from the intestinal tract into the body; this results in large volumes of diarrhoea. Dogs 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 Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal Low Fat diet. This highly digestible diet allows the intestine to easily digest and absorb the essential nutrients and energy needed by your dog.

**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 in close proximity 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 fats. Some dogs are only able to produce small amounts of pancreatic enzymes and so suffer from a reduced ability to digest nutrients, especially fats. Dogs with EPI are often underweight because of impaired nutrient digestion and absorption.

Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal Low Fat diet provides a restricted amount of highly digestible fats, but fulfills all the dog’s needs for essential fatty acids, other nutrients and energy.

**What does ‘lactose-free’ mean?**

Lactose is a sugar commonly found in milk and intolerance to lactose occurs in adult dogs and cats. Levels of lactase (the enzyme responsible for digesting lactose in young animals) fall after weaning. Undigested lactose remaining in the small intestine can lead to digestive disorders, seen often as diarrhoea. Royal Canin Gastro Intestinal Low Fat diet does not contain lactose, so avoiding this problem.

**What is an enzyme?**

Enzymes are ‘chemical scissors’ which in the gastro intestinal tract, break down nutrients eaten by the dog into particles small enough to be absorbed into the body and used for vital functions. Pancreatic enzymes are needed for digestion of fats.