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Kidney Disease

CAUSES:

Chronic: Unknown
Acute: Pre-Renal (no direct damage to the kidneys); **Renal** (direct damage to the kidneys); **Post Renal** (blockage of urine outflow)

SYMPTOMS: Increased thirst and urination, Anemia, Lethargy

TESTS TO DIAGNOSE: Pathology - Urea and BUN will be increased (which poisons the blood)

ORGANS AFFECTED: Kidneys

RECOMMENDED RAW FOOD

BALANCE: Low phosphorus diet, "Cooling" meats (such as turkey, chicken, etc). Kibble is heat-processed with artificial flavors, dyes, and preservatives which are all toxins that the kidneys need to eliminate so a raw diet is recommended.

BEST DOGGOBONE PRODUCTS: Classic, Chicken, Turkey, Fishmonger

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS TO CONSIDER: Fish Oil (omega-3), CoEnzyme Q10 (CoQ10), Dark Green Leafy Veggies (they lower nitrogen which therefore lowers the BUN), Possible Phosphate binder.

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Liver Disease

CAUSES:

Chronic: Genetics, Infections, Toxins, Idiopathic Hepatitis
Acute: Toxins, Hepatic Lipidosis (Fatty Liver Disease), Heat Stroke, Infections

SYMPTOMS: Loss of Appetite, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Increased Thirst and Urination, Lethargy, Jaundice, Seizures

TESTS TO DIAGNOSE: Blood and Urine Tests, Abdominal X-rays, Abdominal Ultrasound, Biopsy

ORGANS AFFECTED: Liver

RECOMMENDED RAW FOOD

BALANCE: Less red meat / More poultry. Less fatty meats (such as lamb and duck). Good options are chicken, turkey, tripe, venison, rabbit, other game meats, eggs, whitefish. Avoid meats high in copper (pork, lamb, duck). NO SALT!!!

BEST DOGGOBONE PRODUCTS: Chicken, Turkey, Venison, Rabbit, Fishmonger

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS TO CONSIDER: Milk Thistle (antioxidant), Kefir (probiotic), Apple Cider Vinegar (cleanser)

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Cancer

CAUSES:

Toxins: chemical exposure, some food additives, GMO foods, over vaccination, etc.
Vaccinosis: injections site carcinoma.
Genetics: certain breeds are more susceptible.
Aging: unsure why but may be due to decreased functioning of the immune system.

SYMPTOMS: Varies

TESTS TO DIAGNOSE: Varies but can include pathology, radiology, sonars, biopsies, etc

ORGANS AFFECTED: Varies

RECOMMENDED RAW FOOD

BALANCE: NO SUGAR!!!!!! Cancer feeds on sugar! Commercial kibble is high in sugar as sugar comes from carbohydrates. A ketogenic diet must be implemented which is low carb and high quality proteins (beef brisket, lamb, duck, tripe). Healthy fats are oily fish, eggs, grass-fed butter. Intermittent Fasting is also recommended; if the dog is constantly digesting, the immune system never has time to stay in top form. Fasting helps detox and restore the homeostatic balance. Once the immune system is taking strain, you might consider lightly cooking the food at a low temperature in order to kill off any microbes as the dog (being ill) does not have a healthy immune system.

BEST DOGGOBONE PRODUCTS: Beef, Lamb, Duck, Fishmonger, Green Tripe

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS TO CONSIDER: Omega-3, Probiotics (kefir, fermented veggies), Vitamin E (antioxidant), Golden Paste

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Diabetes

CAUSES:

Obesity, Genetics, Infections, Pancreatitis, Certain Medications. Type I is most common and is insulin-dependant.

SYMPTOMS: Excessive thirst and urination, lethargy, weight loss, vomiting, cataracts

TESTS TO DIAGNOSE: Glucose Curve

ORGANS AFFECTED: Pancreas

RECOMMENDED RAW FOOD

BALANCE: High Protein, Low Carb Grain Free!!!
Low GI as it is digested slower which helps regulate sugar.
Low GI Veg: Greens, Beetroot Greens, Carrot Greens, Sprouts

BEST DOGGOBONE PRODUCTS: Any of the offered proteins

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS TO CONSIDER: Omega-3, Probiotic (kefir, fermented veggies)

Reference:

Natural Health Bible for Dogs & Cats; Shawn Messonnier, DVM
The Nature of Animal Healing; Martin Goldstein, DVM
Diets and Dogs with Cancer; Susan Ettinger, DVM, Dip. ACVIM (Oncology)
The Dog Cancer Diet; Dr Demian Dressler, DVM
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Heart Disease

CAUSES:

Heart defects, Tumors, Parasites, Genetics

Most Common: Cardiomyopathy and Valvular Heart Disease. Congestive heart failure occurs later in affected dogs.

SYMPTOMS: Coughing, Exercise Intolerance, Labored Breathing, Blue Gums, Bloating Abdomin (due to fluid build up)

TESTS TO DIAGNOSE:

Electrocardiograms, Echograms, X-rays, Blood Pathology Tests

ORGANS AFFECTED:

Primary: Heart
Secondary: Lungs, Abdomin, etc

RECOMMENDED RAW FOOD

BALANCE: Low sodium diet as sodium builds up and causes water retention. Recommended foods high in Taurine and L-carnitine which both help support the heart.

BEST DOGGOBONE PRODUCTS: Any of the offered proteins

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS TO

CONSIDER: Hawthorn, CoEnzyme Q10 (Ubiquinone)

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Arthritis

CAUSES:

Osteoarthritis is caused by: Age (wear and tear), Genetics (long spines, fast growth, etc), Poor Nutrition when Developing Fetus, Possible Environmental Toxins and Over-Vaccinating (the body struggles to remove toxins which then could settle in the joints).

SYMPTOMS: Stiffness, Swelling, Pain in Joints

TESTS TO DIAGNOSE: X-rays, Joint Palpation (pain, crepitus), Bloods (ALP can be elevated due to overtaxed adrenal gland)

ORGANS AFFECTED: Joints

RECOMMENDED RAW FOOD

BALANCE: Normal Raw Diet recommended with added supplements to assist with the joints and cartilage.

BEST DOGGOBONE PRODUCTS: Any of the offered proteins

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS TO

CONSIDER: Glucosamine and Chondroitin supplements, Green Lipped Muscle, certain Herbs (Yucca, Alfalfa, Devil's Claw), Vitamin C (helps maintain the health of the collagen), Boswellia, Golden Paste

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Allergies

CAUSES:

Varies but most common causes are environmental factors and diet intolerances.

SYMPTOMS: Inflammation, Rashes, Hot Spots, Bumps, Asthma, Conjunctivitis, Diarrhea, etc

TESTS TO DIAGNOSE: Skin Scrapping (rule out parasites), Elimination Diet (rule out food intolerances)

ORGANS AFFECTED: Varies but skin is most common

RECOMMENDED RAW FOOD

BALANCE: Eliminate problematic items. Kibble has meat by-products, wheat, and brewer's yeast which can all be problems.

BEST DOGGOBONE PRODUCTS: Any of the offered proteins which do not cause a reaction

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS TO

CONSIDER: Adrenal Supplements (for inflammation), Vitamins (B5, B12, C), Probiotics (Kefir), Maca, Licorice, Ashwagandha

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Ear Infections

CAUSES:

Common: Yeast Infection. This can be a sign that the immune system is not working well and the gut is out of balance with bad flora. (Keep in mind that broad spectrum antibiotics destroy most flora in the gut - good and bad.)

SYMPTOMS: Itchy, Smelly, Inflamed Ears

TESTS TO DIAGNOSE: Microscopic examination of discharge / skin scrapping.

ORGANS AFFECTED: Ears

RECOMMENDED RAW FOOD

BALANCE: No Starch or Grain. They encourage growth of the "bad" gut bacteria. No sugars. Candida feeds on sugar. Eliminate any fruit or veg that might trigger a reaction. Best is Raw Prey Model if fruit and/or veg contribute to the problem.

BEST DOGGOBONE PRODUCTS:

ANY if starch / grain are the problems. If there are reactions to fruit / veg, any of the whole ground meals.

ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS TO

CONSIDER: Probiotics (kefir), Rooibos, Colloidal Silver

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