

Pancreatitis

What is pancreatitis?

Pancreatitis is the inflammation of the pancreas; this happens because the digestive enzymes secreted by the pancreas begin to act before they reach the small intestine. Therefore, the pancreas starts to digest itself.

The pancreas processes most of the fat that the dogs eat, so the more fat your dog eats the harder the pancreas must work.

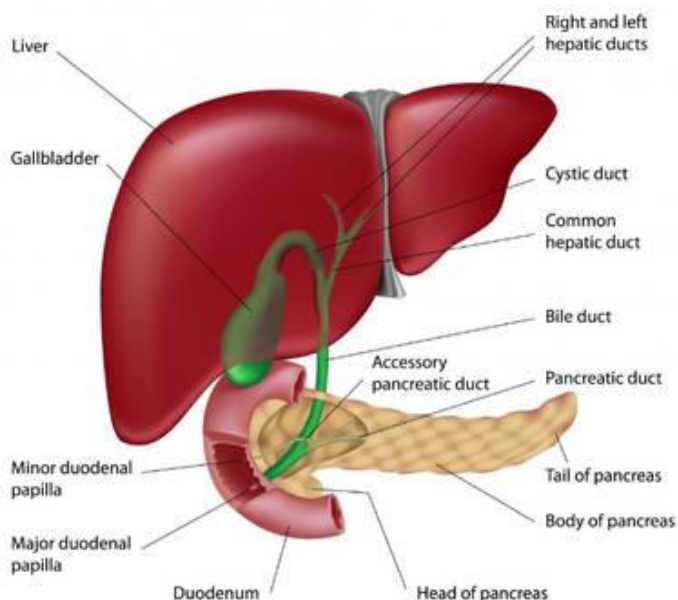
Symptoms of pancreatitis:

- Persistent vomiting
- Lethargy
- Loss of appetite
- Abdominal pain

Keeping the pancreas healthy...

The pancreas and liver are structurally connected, they are linked by the shared bile duct. Through this duct they both carry liquids to aid in digestion, both organs work together.

So, keeping the liver healthy in turn keeps the pancreas healthy.



Dogs with pancreatitis **MUST** be on low fat foods.

Other supplements can be given alongside low fat food...

Anti-inflammatory supplements:

- Marshmallow root powder
- Turmeric paste
- Milk Thistle
- Omega 3 fatty acids – whole fish (mackerel, sprats, salmon heads)



Liver support supplements:

- Proflax Liver Love – improves digestion, promotes best liver function.
- Milk Thistle tablets – contain the active ingredient 'Silymarin' which is beneficial to the liver. Helping to maintain the stability of cell membranes of liver cells.
- Turmeric - helps to breakdown fats (which is what the pancreas struggles to do) which is helpful when the pancreas isn't doing that effectively.
- Proflax Golden Oldies – all herbal ingredients help reduce inflammation and supports the liver, kidney and brain.



All the above-mentioned products are available at Northampton Raw Dog Food.