GI Disease

Your pet has been diagnosed with GI disease.

A fairly common problem seen in cats & dogs, GI disease can manifest as vomiting, diarrhea, and/or weight loss. There are several causes of GI disease and testing must be done to properly diagnose and treat your pet's condition. *Also, because some of these diseases are directly transmissible to you and your human family members, testing and treatment of your pet can reduce the chance of a human family member becoming ill.*

Your pet may need some or all the following testing to determine the stage of your pet's GI disease and to determine if medication may be necessary. Keep in mind, the sooner the testing is done, the sooner your pet can be treated using only natural therapies without the need for conventional medications. Please note that some treatment will be started today to help your pet on its way to recovery while we are awaiting results of additional testing.

If not already done, your pet may need the following tests to complete his/her GI evaluation:

Abdominal Radiographs (X-rays) – These are done to evaluate your pet's GI system and to look for organ enlargement and foreign bodies.

Abdominal ultrasound– This test looks for GI disorders that might not be seen on conventional radiographs (X-rays).

Blood Profile/ Urinalysis – These tests are done to see if another disease is present which might be affecting your pet's GI system, or to determine if organ damage has already occurred from your pet's current GI disease.

Fecal Analysis – Various tests are done on your pet's feces to help determine the cause of his/her illness. These can include a microscopic fecal analysis looking for parasites, bacteria, and yeasts; Giardia, a parasite easily transmissible to people; and a fecal culture or PCR test looking for DNA of specific microorganisms.

In order to prevent further damage to your pet's GI system and other organs please schedule your pet's GI evaluation within the next one to two weeks, if an evaluation has not already been completed today.