Many of our pet parents are interested in using CBD/Hemp Oil for their pets. CBD/Hemp Oil has become the latest “in” supplement for people to give their dogs and cats. Is this just a fad, or could CBD/Hemp Oil really help your pet? The answer is... It Depends. High quality CBD/Hemp Oil can be beneficial for pets with a variety of ailments. However, studies have shown that most of the CBD/Hemp Oil on the market should not be used on pets (or people) for one of the following three reasons:

1. They contain large amounts of THC (the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana
2. They contain toxins
3. They contain insufficient amounts of CBD to be beneficial.

How do you know if the product you are using is safe and effective for your pet? The only way to know is by purchasing the product from a reliable source which test the CBD/Hemp Oil for toxins, THC, and levels of CBD. High quality CBD/Hemp Oil is not cheap, but this does not mean that simply because a product is expensive it is good. Without manufacturer certification there is no way of knowing this product is safe for your pet. Because most of these CBD/Hemp Oil products on the market are either unsafe or ineffective, we discourage owners from purchasing it on the internet or in a pet store. We have done the research and have selected a high-quality product that has been tested by the manufacturer for safety and effectiveness.

As an example, here is a graph contrasting our CBD/Hemp Oil (Endo Blend) to those typically found on the market.

We prescribe Endo Blend for many pet problems but especially pets with cancer, seizures, aging changes (Endo Blend is one of our favorite supplements for middle age and older pets,) anxiety, immune disease, pain, and any chronic disease condition.

There are many diseases for which a proper diagnosis is essential; simply giving a pet hemp/CBD harms the pet if the proper diagnosis is not made. Additionally, it is rare that hemp/CBD should ever be used as the sole treatment; simply giving a pet hemp/CBD doesn’t treat the pet but rather (may) treat the disease, which is no different than giving a pet a drug to treat the disease while ignoring the pet’s health. In my holistic functional medicine practice, our focus is primarily on the pet and not the disease. If needed, Endo Blend is used as part of a holistic treatment plan once the proper diagnosis is made, and the pet’s body is restored to its proper function. Keep in mind that there are numerous hemp/CBD products available. I have seen a lot of “garbage” products that do not help the pet and may, in fact, harm it (and these products definitely harm the pet parent’s pocketbook if a worthless product is purchased.) And keep in mind that every CBD product is useless if the proper dosing is not used; if the product contains toxins; or if the product contains high levels of THC. Finally, dosing must be tailored to the pet’s specific needs rather than following a generic label dose.