Background
• We hope to provide another dietary option for struvite stone dissolution in dogs. The purpose of this trial is to evaluate the efficacy of a therapeutic diet for struvite dissolution in dogs.

Participation Requirements
• Dogs with radiodense bladder stone(s) and concurrent UTI with a urease-producing bacteria, such as Staphylococcus spp., Klebsiella spp. or Proteus spp.
• Ineligible:
  • Dogs with concurrent disorders, such as diabetes mellitus
  • Dogs currently being fed on a stone dissolution diet
  • Dogs receiving antibiotics longer than 5 days prior to enrollment
• NOTE: Please contact the Principal Investigator if you think you have a case. We can usually see them within 24 hours.

Procedures
• Abdominal x-rays and ultrasound to document the size of the bladder stones
• Blood and urine collection
• Completion of a short daily questionnaire regarding your pet’s clinical signs
• Recheck evaluations scheduled at 2 and 4 weeks, and then monthly until stone dissolution or study failure.

Owner Responsibilities
• Keeping all scheduled appointments
• Feeding the test diet exclusively
• Completing short daily questionnaire

Benefits
• The study will cover all costs associated with participation, including stone removal if the diet is not successful, and provide food free of charge for the duration of the study.
• Results from this trial may help determine another dietary method for non-invasive struvite dissolution in dogs.

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