

## Canine Hypothyroidism

# MY DOG HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH HYPOTHYROIDISM.

*Now what?*

First of all, don't worry. Hypothyroidism is the most common canine hormonal disorder, and it's easily managed with a simple, inexpensive and effective medication. Treatment will help to increase your dog's thyroid levels to normal and improve metabolism and energy. With treatment, other signs of the disease will also begin to improve.

### Some additional facts to consider:

- Therapy for hypothyroidism is a lifelong treatment and medication is typically given once or twice daily.
- The synthetic thyroid medication is inexpensive and well tolerated by most dogs, with mild, minimal side-effects reported.
- Treatment should return your dog's metabolic rate back to normal levels. With treatment, you will likely see your dog lose weight, regain energy and develop a healthier coat.
- Regular checkups with your veterinarian will help ensure your dog is receiving the proper dose of medication and responding to treatment. A simple blood test is usually all that's required, although your veterinarian may want to run additional tests.

