

JOINT ARTICULATION DOG



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Younger acting if not younger looking

A PET OWNER'S GUIDE
Helping dogs with joint disorders
and osteoarthritis



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W H O L E A N I M

Why has my vet or nurse recommended VET COMPLEX?



The **VET COMPLEX** range has numerous benefits for your dog's health: it's a tasty complete diet that provides all the essential nutrients, vitamins and minerals to enhance and improve your dog's quality of life. Your vet or nurse has recommended you feed our clinical **Joint Articulation Dog** diet due to its special ingredients which are specifically formulated to benefit your dog's joints.

Joint Articulation Dog is ideal for junior, adult and senior dogs with osteoarthritis and other joint disorders, including those that are moderately overweight.

About VET COMPLEX

VET COMPLEX is a high quality, scientifically advanced range of nutritional pet food, formulated by veterinary surgeons and nutritionists, tailored to the specific health and life stage requirements of your dog.

Under strict quality control, our 'fixed formula' recipes mean that you can rely on our uncompromising commitment to consistently provide the best quality nutrition for your dog. All **VET COMPLEX** diets are free from artificial colours, flavourings and all cereals are GMO free.

IMAL HEALTH



In an innovative production method, meats from food fit for human consumption are cooked at a moderate temperature to preserve the protein quality. Starch contained in cereals is gelatinized at high temperatures for optimal digestibility. Maximum taste is achieved by coating the kibble with high quality human-grade pork fat, added cold during the final stages of production when we also incorporate key purified active ingredients, vitamins and minerals ensuring we preserve the nutritional integrity of these ingredients.

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Specific benefits of Joint Articulation Dog



CHONDROITIN SULPHATE AND CHITOSAN-

Help to keep the joints flexible and limit the degenerative processes which occur in osteoarthritis.

WEIGHT CONTROL - Because dogs with joint disease aren't able to exercise as much, they are prone to putting on weight. *Joint Articulation Dog* is therefore low in calories and also contains L-carnitine which is clinically proven to help increase fatty acids metabolism.

OMEGA 3 ESSENTIAL FATTY ACID (EPA) - Clinically proven to help preserve the cartilage and ease the painful processes occurring in the joint.

HIGH PROTEIN CONTENT - Helps support muscle strength and allows for an optimal body composition.

SEPIOLITE - Helps to protect the lining of the digestive tract, which is prone to damage when dogs are on anti-inflammatory medications.

MINERALS AND VITAMINS - At optimal levels to ensure bone strength and help promote improved ligament and tendon resistance.

ANTIOXIDANTS - Vitamin E, selenium and tomato lycopene to help limit cell ageing processes.

MODERATE PHOSPHORUS CONTENT - Helps protect renal function in the older dog.



F O R Y O U R D O G

What else can I do to help my dog?

Medication

Dogs with joint disorders often require prescription medication. Your vet will advise on the best medication for your dog. It is perfectly safe to give these medicines alongside [Joint Articulation Dog](#) diet. Do not under any circumstances give your dog painkillers designed for people as this can have serious, even fatal consequences.

Food Supplements

[Joint Articulation Dog](#) is perfectly balanced to contain everything your dog needs to help support their joints, including the nutraceutical chondroitin sulphate commonly found in joint supplements. Extra supplementation should therefore not be necessary. If you do decide to give your dog extra supplements, ensure that it is a product specifically formulated for dogs such as Fortiflex, available from your vet clinic (human products are often significantly less effective.)



Exercise

Always follow the advice of your vet or vet nurse as they know the specific requirements of your dog.

Your dog will no doubt enjoy walks which may be useful to keep its weight under control, but if suffering from joint disease it is important to regulate exercise. Your dog should receive short walks, a little and often and this should not include intense exercise such as chasing a ball. If you notice that your dog is stiff or lame after exercise it is a sign that you should take it more gently in future.

If your dog struggles to walk, your vet or vet nurse may recommend hydrotherapy as a form of exercise that is gentle on the joints and may well improve joint mobility.

FEEDING

How much VET COMPLEX should I feed?

Your vet or vet nurse recommends feeding:

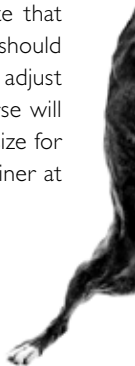
g of **Joint Articulation Dog** per day



Divided into meals.

If your vet or vet nurse has not given you specific feeding advice, guidelines are available on the bag. Please note that these are guidelines only - every dog is different and you should monitor the weight and body condition of your dog and adjust the feeding quantities accordingly. Your vet or vet nurse will be able to advise if your dog is the correct shape and size for its age and breed. Provide fresh water in a clean container at all times.

How should I begin feeding VET COMPLEX?



Whenever changing your dog's food, it is important to do so gradually for two reasons:



1. It will take a few days for your dog's digestive system to get used to any new food. Changing too quickly can lead to dietary upsets, especially diarrhoea.
2. Many dogs are "neophobic" - they don't like anything new, so will turn their nose up at anything but their normal food. This is not a reflection on the appeal of the new food, and these dogs will accept the new food when it is introduced gradually.

GUIDELINES

Change over to **VET COMPLEX** gradually over 5-10 days.

For example:



Palatability Guaranteed!

VET COMPLEX is specifically formulated to be extremely appealing and palatable to your dog. In a unique cold-processing method unique to our diet, we 'cream' and add human-grade pork fat to the outside of each and every kibble, making **VET COMPLEX** quite possibly the tastiest diet on the market. However, in the very unlikely event of your dog refusing to eat **VET COMPLEX** despite the transitioning, simply return the bag to your veterinary practice for a suitable replacement or full refund.

For how long should I feed the diet?

In most cases the diet should be fed for the lifetime of your dog as the joint problem they have is likely to be life-long. Any dog with a chronic medical condition should receive regular check-ups with a vet or vet nurse – at least once every six months.

Any QUESTIONS?

If you require any further information about the VET COMPLEX diet or any other aspect of your pet's health please speak to your vet, veterinary nurse or nutritional advisor.

Veterinary Stamp / Contact Details



Joint Articulation Dog
*high quality veterinary-formulated nutrition
 for all dogs with joint disorders.
 Available in 3kg / 7.5kg & 13.5kg bags*

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