

**PETWISE** PET HEALTH HUB

# **Probiotics**

#### Overview

Probiotics are friendly bacteria which can be used to 'top up' the natural bacteria in your pet's gut when it's been disrupted by illness or medication.

Just like humans, animals have lots of friendly bacteria naturally living in their guts. These bacteria help our pets stay healthy by supporting their guts and protecting against disease.

# Probiotics can be useful for some pets but not all. Speak to your vet for more information.



# Will probiotics help my pet?

Your vet may recommend trying probiotics if your pet is suffering with:

- Diarrhoea after antibiotics
- Diarrhoea due to stress
- Diarrhoea due to a sudden change of food

### How do probiotics work?

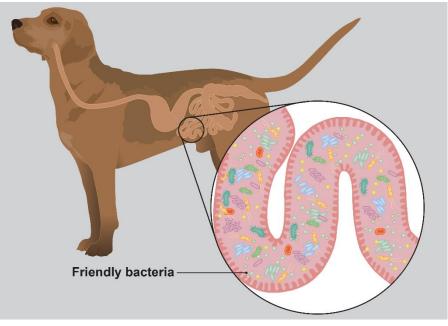
It is thought that the friendly bacteria in probiotics help top up your pet's natural gut flora. Some probiotic products also contain





ingredients which are used for firming up diarrhoea and soothing the guts.

It's important to know that probiotic treatment doesn't always speed up recovery from conditions such as diarrhoea and doesn't work for every pet. However, probiotics are used commonly because lots of vets and owners regularly see positive results.



There are lots of friendly bacteria naturally living in your pet's guts

# Side effects of probiotics

Probiotics are considered to be very safe. They are extremely unlikely to cause any problems in a healthy animal.

### When to contact your vet

Speak to your vet if your pet has any of the problems listed above or if you think your pet may benefit from probiotics.

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