

## Ipakitine - a unique formulation that your pet will benefit from

Having looked at the evidence, one of the options that your vet has decided to choose is Ipakitine.....

- **Palatable** - an alternative for cats / dogs that refuse to eat special diets. Older cats in particular can be very reluctant to change diets.
- **Easy to use** - mix Ipakitine with food or sprinkle onto on foodtop
- **Cost effective** - one 50g pot of Ipakitine lasts 25 days for a 5kg cat
- **Flexible and compatible** - Ipakitine can be used on its own or in combination with special diets and other kidney insufficiency management options

The ingredients in Ipakitine act as phosphate binding agents and lower the absorption of phosphates from the intestines. Thus, in respect of phosphate restriction they can mimic or enhance the effects of a phosphate restricted food. There is also a reduction in the absorption of some uraemic toxins that can affect normal kidney function.\*\*

**Through this double action, Ipakitine supports normal kidney function.**



## Giving Ipakitine to your pet

Your veterinary surgeon will advise you on the amount that your cat or dog will need, here are the levels that are usually recommended:

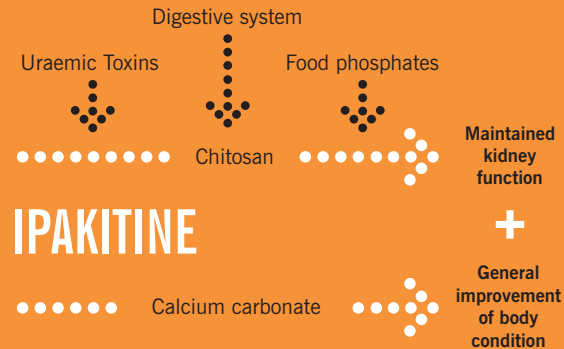
1g / 5kg (1 level scoop) body weight twice a day. If used in this way, one 50g pot lasts 25 days for a 5kg cat.

### Administration table

	Body weight of cat or dog			
	3-5kg	10kg	15kg	20kg
Number of scoops per day	2	4	6	8

Slightly moisten the food if your pet eats a dry diet, to get the powder to stick to it.

## Ipakitine – mechanism of action



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\* Elliott et coll. 2000    \*\* Wagner et coll. 2004

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Are your pet's kidneys under pressure?



**IPAKITINE**

Mission accomplished, day after day

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## What is kidney failure

Kidney failure is a condition that can have many causes, but the final outcome is more or less always the same. Whatever the underlying disease, the main damage is always done to the small functional units of the kidney called “nephrons”, which are, amongst other things, responsible for blood filtration. The kidney itself has a great reserve capacity and continues to function normally until more than two thirds of its functional units or “nephrons” are destroyed.

**This is a major reason why dogs and cats are often presented to the veterinary surgeon quite late in the disease process - the external signs simply do not exist in the early stages!**

Chronic kidney failure can affect dogs and cats at any age, but it is more common in middle aged or older animals.

## How common is it

The incidence of chronic kidney failure increases with age. It is thought that cats and dogs aged 7 or older are more at risk of developing the condition. According to some texts around 10% of cats at the age of 10 suffer from kidney failure and around 10% of dogs over fifteen. Numbers are probably greater for animals that are still in the pre-clinical phase of the disease, not showing any external signs of a problem. As the problem can progress quite slowly signs are often ignored as they occur gradually and are easy to miss in the early stages.

Help your pet - if your cat or dog is aged 7 or older, even if none of the external signs are present, ask your vet about specific testing for kidney problems.

## Trying to keep kidneys functioning normally

There are a range of possible options your vet might consider. Changing to a prescription renal diet, adding in dietary supplements and sometimes, in the latter stages, using some prescription medication.



Looking after your pet's health is probably the most important gift that you can give them. Some diseases cats and dogs suffer from build up over a long period of time and very often you are not even aware that your pet is affected.

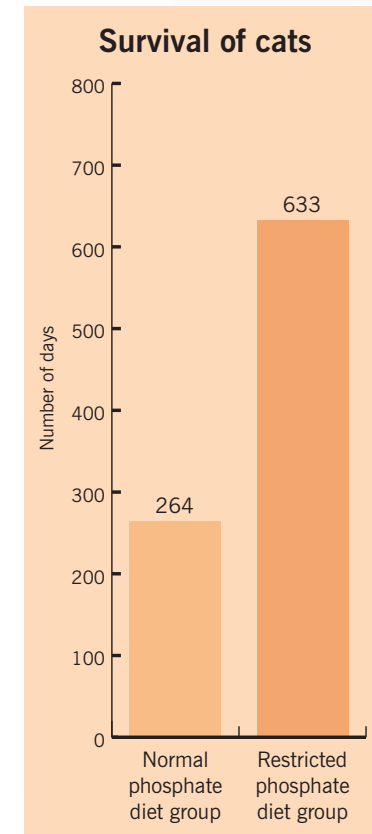
And without being given the chance to look for problems, neither is your veterinary surgeon.

Kidney failure is one of them....

## Lowering the amount of phosphates in your pet's food

Numerous studies have shown the benefits of phosphate reduction in cats and dogs suffering from kidney failure and it is now widely accepted that there is a direct link between the length and quality of life of a cat or dog with kidney failure and the amount of phosphates they get through their food.

According to some studies, cats that have low phosphates in their food live almost 2.5 times longer than cats that are fed normal diets\*



\* Elliott et coll. 2000

