



GIARDIA

MEDICAL DISCLOSURE FOR GIARDIA

This pet has been diagnosed with an infection of a microscopic intestinal parasite known as giardia. Giardia can cause the pet to have diarrhea. Giardia survives well in the environment, so picking up feces immediately is recommended. Pets can reinfect themselves by licking/cleaning themselves after defecation. It is important to clean the pet (i.e. give a bath) if they have fecal material in their fur. Giardia can be contagious to people and other animals. It is important to use good hygiene and wash your hands after handling the pet or cleaning up the pet's feces.. The pet should be kept separate from children and immunocompromised adults as well as other dogs and cats until the giardia infection is cleared. The pet was started on treatment for giardia, but a follow-up fecal test should be done to ensure that the infection has been cleared. The pet may or may not need additional treatment for giardia. All additional diagnostics and treatments are to be done with the owner's veterinarian and at the owner's cost.