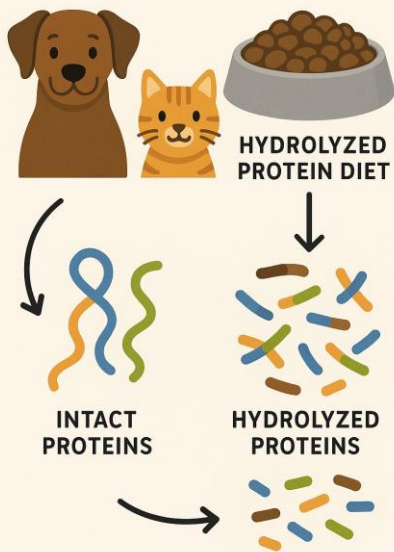


HYDROLYZED PROTEIN DIETS IN DOGS AND CATS



Why it's Used:

- **Food Allergies:**

If a pet is allergic to chicken, hydrolyzed chicken may be a safe alternative.

- **IBD:**

Inflammatory bowel disease is characterized by inflammation in the digestive tract, and hydrolyzed diets can help improve digestion and reduce inflammation.

- **Other GI Issues:**

Hydrolyzed protein can also be beneficial for pets with other digestive issues like diarrhea, vomiting, or gas.

Types of Hydrolyzed Diets:

- **Hydrolyzed Chicken Diets:**

What is Hydrolyzed Protein?

Hydrolyzed chicken, in the context of dog or cat diets, refers to chicken protein that has been chemically broken down into smaller, more digestible molecules called peptides and amino acids. This process, called hydrolysis, is used to create a special diet for dogs and cats with food allergies or gastrointestinal issues.

How Hydrolyzed Chicken Works:

- **Reduced Allergenicity:**

The breakdown of the protein makes it less likely to trigger an allergic reaction in pets who are sensitive to chicken. The immune system can't recognize the smaller protein fragments as allergens.

- **Improved Digestion:**

The smaller protein molecules are easier for pets to digest and absorb, which can help with various digestive problems.

- **Diagnosis and Management:**

Hydrolyzed protein diets are often used as part of a food elimination trial to diagnose food allergies. They can also be used to manage inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in pets.

These diets use chicken protein that has been broken down through the hydrolysis process.

- **Other Hydrolyzed Diets:**

Some hydrolyzed diets may use other protein sources, such as soy or salmon.

Important Considerations:

- **Veterinary Guidance:**

It's crucial to consult with a veterinarian before introducing a hydrolyzed diet to a pet, as it's a prescription diet and should be used under professional guidance.

- **Transitioning to Hydrolyzed Diet:**

If you're transitioning your pet to a hydrolyzed diet, it's important to do so gradually to avoid digestive upset.

- **Long-Term Feeding:**

Hydrolyzed diets are often designed for long-term feeding, but a veterinarian should be consulted to ensure it's appropriate for your pet's needs.