

# Dear Dog Owners

## About Chronic Gastrointestinal disease

When your dog shows gastrointestinal symptoms for more than 3 weeks (defined as chronic), this may be caused by a wide range of diseases. So, comprehensive testing is recommended for proper treatment.



Has your dog been suffering from the following symptoms for more than 3 weeks?



✓ Decreased appetite



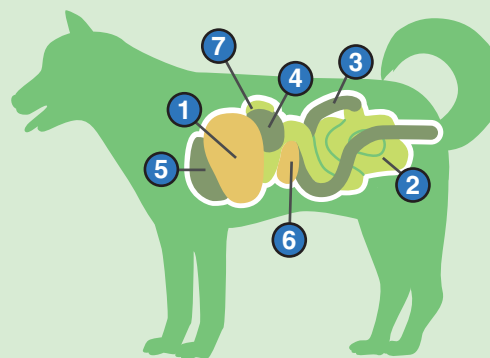
✓ Weight loss



✓ Vomiting



✓ Diarrhea



Chronic gastrointestinal symptoms can be caused by gastrointestinal (①-③) and extra-gastrointestinal (④-⑦) abnormalities.

### • Gastrointestinal causes

① Stomach ② Small intestine ③ Large intestine

### • Extra-gastrointestinal causes

④ Kidney ⑤ Liver ⑥ Pancreas ⑦ Adrenal

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## Q&A

### Q What is the cause?

A The main cause is inflammation of the stomach, small intestine, or large intestine.

### Q Can it be cured?

A Yes. There are some drugs or dietary therapies that help suppress the disease.

### Q What happens if it gets severe?

A For severe cases where the cause is not treated, it takes more time and is more difficult to treat the disease.

### Q What tests are necessary?

A To identify the type of disease and where the disease occurs, for example, the following examinations are performed.

- Physical examination
- Fecal examination
- Blood test
- Urine test
- Imaging testing (radiography, ultrasonography)
- Biopsy (collecting a piece of tissue)