Drs. Foster and Smith Joint Care Products FAQs

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How is Joint Care Premium Plus® different from your other Joint Care line?

Joint Care Premium Plus contains 14 active ingredients - MORE active ingredients than any of our other pet joint products in ratios our veterinarians recommend. It is ideal support for affected senior dogs OR dogs recovering from hip or joint surgery.

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What are the active ingredients in Joint Care Premium Plus?

The 14 active ingredients in Joint Care Premium Plus are Glucosamine HCL, Chondroitin Sulfate, New Zealand Green Mussel, Methylsulfonylmethane (MSM), Ascorbic Acid (Vitamin C), Yucca schidigera, Boswellia serrata, Bromelain, Vitamin E, Quercetin, Citrus Bioflavonoids, Hyaluronic Acid, Zinc, and Manganese.

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Why are there so many active ingredients in a "joint care" product?

Joint Care Premium Plus was developed with a holistic approach to support joint health AND overall pet health. It works on multiple pathways to support joint health, right down to the cellular level, to combat free radicals (antioxidant) while supporting cartilage, connective tissue, joint fluid, and proper function of the immune system.

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Do I need a prescription to order Joint Care Premium Plus?

No. Even as our most powerful Joint Care product, Joint Care Premium Plus is formulated to ensure pet parents have convenient access to quality joint support products at a great price. In fact, Joint Care Premium Plus is the perfect complement to prescription arthritis-care medications like Novox.

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Is there anything to be concerned about before offering Joint Care Premium Plus to my pet?

To reduce potential incidence of gastrointestinal upsets, administer Joint Care Premium Plus after your pet has eaten. Also, use this product with caution in pets with a history of clotting disorders, diabetes, metabolic disorders associated with hyperglycemia, urinary tract stones, and allergy to shellfish.

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Can the Joint Care tablets be cut or crumbled? Will this affect their absorption or effectiveness?

The tablets are designed to be crumbled, and this will not change their absorption or effectiveness. They can also be fed whole, as a treat.

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Are the tablets scored?

Yes, they are scored so that they can easily be split.

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What kind of liver is used in the Joint Care line?
Both the tablets and the powder contain dried beef liver as a flavor.
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I would like to use the Joint Care Basic or Joint Care 1 Plus but I prefer granules, which these products do not come in. What would you suggest?
We would suggest you crumble the tablets and sprinkle them on your pet's food, just as you would with the granules. Another option is that you may choose to use the Joint Care 2 with MSM, which does come in granules. Joint Care Premium Plus® is also available in granules.
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In the Joint Care Premium Plus®, what is the difference between the regular tablets and the small dog/cat tablets?
The ingredients are the same, but the amounts of the ingredients are different. The small dog tablets contain about 1/4 the amount of each ingredient that the regular tablets contain. For example, the regular tablets contain 500 mg of glucosamine per tablet, while the small dog tablets contain 125 mg of glucosamine per tablet.
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Can the Joint Care line be used safely with Rimadyl, Deramaxx, aspirin or other Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)?
Yes. Like our Joint Care and Joint Care Plus MSM, our new Joint Care line does not contain any drugs and should be fine to use with NSAIDs. However, every pet is an individual, and if your pet has special health concerns, we recommend that you talk with your pet's veterinarian before adding ANY new product. It may be helpful to print off the list of ingredients to show to your veterinarian.

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How long can a pet be kept on a joint care product?
In general, it can take 6-8 weeks to see the full effect with a joint care product. Most pets need to be on a joint care product for the rest of their lives. Once the product has promoted joint health for 6-8 weeks, the dose can often be reduced.
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Can these new products be used in cats?
Products containing glucosamine and chondroitin are often used in cats and appear to work very well. Joint Care Basic, 1 Plus, 2, and Joint Care Premium Plus® tablets or granules can all be used in cats.
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