

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

How Does **Joint Care Premium Plus** compare to your **Joint Care 3**?

When compared to Joint Care 3, Joint Care Premium Plus offers DOUBLE the Chondroitin and Methylsulfonylmethane (MSM) and TRIPLE the amount of Vitamin E, Manganese, and Boswellia serrata. In addition, Joint Care Premium Plus includes the following ingredients not found in Joint Care 3: Yucca schidigera, Citrus Bioflavonoids, Hyaluronic Acid, and Zinc.

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.



Are the tablets scored?

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

What kind of liver is used in the Joint Care line?

Both the tablets and the powder contain dried beef liver as a flavor.

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.



In the [Joint Care 3](#), 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 400 mg of glucosamine per tablet, while the small dog tablets contain 100 mg of glucosamine per tablet.

For the Joint Care 3, how do the granules compare with the tablets as far as dosing is concerned?

The granules are most similar to the small dog tablets in amount of ingredients per scoop and in dosing. For large dogs, we recommend the large dog tablets rather than the granules. The tablets can be crushed and sprinkled on your pet's food if you wish.

What is the sodium content of [Joint Care 2](#)?

The Joint Care 2 tablets contain approximately 3.4 mg of sodium per tablet.

Why does Joint Care 3 contain less glucosamine and chondroitin than Joint Care 2?

First, Joint Care 2 with MSM was formulated to replace our old Joint Care Plus MSM, so it has the same amounts of glucosamine and chondroitin that the old product had. It is for customers who are looking for a product similar to the old Joint Care or Joint Care Plus MSM. Joint Care 3 contains additional ingredients such as boswellia and quercetin. We wanted to offer a product that would contain all of these ingredients (glucosamine, chondroitin, boswellia, quercetin). However, there is a physical size limit to the total amounts that can be put into a product on a per tablet or per scoop basis. In order to include sufficient amounts of the new ingredients, we had to limit the amounts of glucosamine and chondroitin. Customers who prefer to stay with the higher amounts of glucosamine and chondroitin, may wish to select the Level 2 product. Please see the following question for additional information.

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.



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.

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 3 can all be used in cats.