

# Weeth Nutrition Services

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## Information for Pet Owners and Veterinarians

### What is Weeth Nutrition Services?

Weeth Nutrition Services is a veterinary referral service dedicated to improving the health and wellness of companion dogs and cats. Dr. Lisa P. Weeth, a board-certified Veterinary Nutritionist, develops individualized diet plans based on information provided in the Pet Health and Diet History Questionnaire in addition to medical records provided by your veterinarian.

### What types of dietary plans does Weeth Nutrition Services offer?

Weeth Nutrition Services works with your veterinary team to ensure that your pet is receiving optimal nutritional support at any life-stage and condition. Whether the dog or cat is in the hospital or at home with their family, is young or old, is in good health or being treated for one or more chronic medical conditions, Weeth Nutrition Services can develop a plan to meet their medical and nutritional needs. Types of plans offered by Weeth Nutrition Services include:

- Healthy and effective weight loss plans
- Unbiased commercial diet evaluation and recommendations
- Assisted nutritional support plans either in a hospital or at home setting (intravenous nutrition and feeding tube guidelines)
- Home-prepared diet formulation (healthy maintenance or for management of chronic medical conditions)
- Evidence-based review and recommendations of supplements and food additives

### Who is Dr. Weeth?

Dr. Lisa P. Weeth received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree in 2002 from the University of California, Davis. After two years in private practice, she returned to the University of California, Davis, where she completed a 3-year residency in Small Animal Clinical Nutrition. She became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Nutrition (ACVN) in 2007 and moved to New Jersey that same year to establish the first dedicated Clinical Nutrition Department in a private veterinary hospital. In 2014, she left the hospital setting to establish Weeth Nutrition Services in order to bring her nutrition expertise to veterinarians and their patients around the world.

### What is a Veterinary Nutritionist?

Dr. Weeth is a member of the American College of Veterinary Nutrition (ACVN), an organization that consists of veterinarians who have undergone specialty training in the field of animal nutrition. This training involves an extensive residency program that requires graduate courses in advanced nutrition as well as clinical, teaching, and research activities beyond the standard veterinary school course work. Trainees are required to demonstrate practical skills as well as pass written exams in order to obtain board certification. Members of this specialty college will have either "Diplomate ACVN" or "DACVN" in addition to their veterinary degree (DVM or equivalent). Individuals with both a veterinary degree and board certification through ACVN are uniquely trained in the nutritional management of health and disease and are able to guide other veterinarians and pet owners on the use of diet as a medical therapy.

### What about communications and billing?

Dietary recommendations provided by Weeth Nutrition Services are medical services that are used to treat, manage and mitigate disease of individual dogs and cats. As such, they require involvement of a veterinarian who has personally examined the pet and with whom there is an established doctor-patient-client relationship. Because Dr. Weeth reviews medical and diet histories and not the individual dogs and cats, all communications, billing, and pet owner questions must be directed through the referral veterinarian to Weeth Nutrition Services. Dr. Weeth is not able to address individual owner questions unless they are received from the referring veterinarian or veterinary clinic and all communications will go back through the managing veterinarian.