Your checklist

- y/d is a complete and balanced diet for adult cats that need restricted iodine intake, with a great taste that cats love
- If you are concerned with any change in your pet’s condition, contact your veterinarian
- y/d is not recommended for growing kittens, pregnant or nursing cats
- If it is necessary to feed healthy cats in the household y/d, it is recommended that they each receive a tablespoon of an adult cat food daily to provide additional iodine
- For y/d to be effective it is critical that you follow your veterinarian’s instructions carefully and feed only y/d
- Only give medications or supplements that are recommended by your veterinarian
- Ensure you follow your veterinarian’s instructions with regard to check ups and repeat blood tests
- y/d must be stored in its original packaging

Hill’s Prescription Diet® y/d™ Feline Thyroid Care

- Clinically proven to help manage thyroid health when fed as the sole source of nutrition
- Limited iodine reduces excess thyroid hormone production
- Complete diet for adult cats that need restricted iodine intake
- Great taste that cats love

Additional benefits for overall health

- Supports kidney health with controlled phosphorus and low sodium
- Helps maintain bladder health with controlled mineral levels
- Promotes heart health with essential nutrients like taurine and L-carnitine
- Helps promote healthy skin and coat

Transitioning to Hill’s Prescription Diet® y/d™ Thyroid Care

From current food to y/d

- Gradually introduce y/d over at least a seven day period
- Mix y/d with your cat’s current food, gradually increasing the amount until only y/d is fed

Recheck exam with veterinarian

Week 4* (after transition to y/d):
- Date: ____________________________

Week 8* (after transition to y/d):
- Date: ____________________________
- *Or as recommended by your veterinarian

Feeding instructions

Most cats will enjoy a mixture of y/d canned and dry food:

Initial daily amount (dry): ____________________________
Initial daily amount (canned): ____________________________

For more information about Hill’s™ pet foods, call Hill’s HelpLine at 1800 679 932 or visit www.hillspet.com.au

Hill’s guarantees Prescription Diet™ pet foods for quality, consistency and taste. If you are not completely satisfied with any purchase of Prescription Diet™ pet food for these reasons, simply return the unused portion to your veterinarian for a full refund or replacement.

Important

Because iodine intake from other food sources (treats, another pet’s food, etc.) can compromise the effectiveness of low-iodine nutrition, it’s critical that you follow your veterinarian’s feeding instructions carefully and feed only y/d.

These are general guidelines only. Cats with concurrent conditions such as kidney disease or diabetes need special consideration. Your veterinarian will recommend a transition plan specific to your cat’s needs.

Hyperthyroidism is a common feline endocrine disorder, most often diagnosed in older cats over the age of 10. Left untreated, hyperthyroidism can have serious consequences on vital organs such as the heart and kidneys. The good news is, this disease is highly manageable and can be controlled with proper veterinary care.

**What is hyperthyroidism?**

The thyroid gland, located in your cat’s neck, uses dietary iodine to make thyroid hormones that help regulate important body functions including your cat’s:
- Metabolism
- Body temperature
- Blood pressure
- Heart rate
- Gastrointestinal (bowel) function

If your cat has hyperthyroidism, his or her thyroid gland will be enlarged and be producing excessive amounts of thyroid hormone.

**Signs of feline hyperthyroidism**

Signs of hyperthyroidism can vary in severity depending on how long a cat has been ill. Signs of hyperthyroidism include:
- Weight loss
- Increased appetite
- Diarrhoea and/or vomiting
- Increased thirst
- Poor skin and coat condition
- Hyperactivity

Cats with chronic kidney disease and diabetes mellitus exhibit some signs similar to hyperthyroidism. Your veterinarian may also need to perform tests for these diseases to ensure an accurate diagnosis.

**Managing hyperthyroidism**

Four potential options for managing cats with hyperthyroidism:

- **Radioactive iodine therapy**: radiation to treat abnormal thyroid tissue
- **Daily nutrition**: limiting dietary iodine intake reduces excess thyroid hormone production
- **Daily medication**: anti-thyroid drugs inhibit the production of thyroid hormones
- **Surgery**: removal of abnormal thyroid tissue

**The importance of nutrition**

Hill’s Prescription Diet™ y/d™ Thyroid Care is the first and only clinically proven nutrition to manage feline hyperthyroidism under veterinary care.

If your cat has been diagnosed with hyperthyroidism, feeding y/d carefully limits the levels of dietary iodine to reduce excess thyroid hormone production. If your cat has been diagnosed with hyperthyroidism your vet may recommend y/d.

Hill’s Prescription Diet™ y/d™ Thyroid Care limits iodine intake to reduce production of excess thyroid hormone.