



# AN ALLERGENIC

ADVERSE REACTION TO FOOD 

## THE RECOMMENDED DIET

Your Veterinary Surgeon has recommended Anallergenic because they suspect (or have confirmed) that your pet suffers from a food allergy.

Food allergy (sometimes referred to as Adverse Food Reactions) is a serious condition where the body reacts to proteins (allergens) that have been eaten by your pet. This is an immune reaction or 'hypersensitivity'.

Recommended diets for the nutritional management of pets with this condition are formulated with 'protein hydrolysates'. Protein hydrolysis reduces the size of proteins in the food, reducing the risk of the immune system recognising them as an allergen. This pre-digestive step limits the risk of adverse reactions in your pet.

This diet is recommended as an aid in the investigation and nutritional management of pets.



## RECOMMENDED FOR CASES OF

- Adverse Food Reactions (AFR) with dermatologic and/or gastrointestinal signs:
  - diagnosis: food elimination trial
  - management
- Feline or Canine Atopic Dermatitis (AD) associated with AFR
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)

## NOT RECOMMENDED IN CASE OF

- Pancreatitis
- Growth, gestation/lactation

## A SPECIFIC DIET FOR YOUR PET

In some pets, food allergy is so severe that the body will continue to react even to standard hydrolysed protein diets. Anallergenic was developed specifically with these pets in mind. The unique protein source and production process allows for extreme pre-digestion (hydrolysis). This means that Anallergenic contains the smallest possible units of protein, called amino acids and oligopeptides. Anallergenic also contains purified starch, rather than whole cereals, as severely allergic pets may also react to these.

## ANTIOXIDANTS

Royal Canin Anallergenic diet is enriched in antioxidants (vitamin E, vitamin C, taurine and lutein) to help maintain health and vitality.

'Antioxidant' is a general term for nutrients such as vitamins, minerals and other components naturally present in many foods. Antioxidants neutralise free radicals produced even during normal body metabolism, but more so when your pet is ill.

## CHANGING YOUR PET'S DIET

Normally a change in your pet's diet should occur over several days. Where a food allergy is suspected however, the offending food should be removed from your pet's diet immediately. In this circumstances a highly digestible diet such as Anallergenic should be fed without a dietary transition. Nutritional management with Anallergenic may be continued for your pet's lifetime.

## KEY BENEFITS

Royal Canin Anallergenic includes select ingredients to meet the specific needs of your pet.



### OLIGOPEPTIDES

Low molecular weight peptides to reduce the risk of adverse food reaction.



### ALLERGEN RESTRICTION

Formula and production process aimed at excluding sources of food allergens.



### SKIN BARRIER

Formulated to support the skin's natural protective barrier for optimal skin health.



### ANTIOXIDANT COMPLEX

A synergistic complex of antioxidants to help neutralise free radicals.

## ADDITIONAL BENEFITS (FOR CATS ONLY)



*This product creates an unfavorable environment to creation of oxalate and struvite uroliths in the urine.*

## STRICT RULES FOR CONDUCTING A FOOD ELIMINATION TRIAL



Wash all items used in feeding your pet (including their bowl, feeding scales and measuring cups) with soap and thoroughly rinse all equipment after every meal.



Have a separate set of feeding equipment reserved just for the affected pet. Feed pet separately from other pets and do not leave other pet's food down between meals to completely avoid snacking from each other's bowls.



Ensure that every member of the family understands the danger in feeding your pet anything apart from Anallergenic. If your pet snacks throughout the day, keep a small amount of their daily routine in a clean, sealed container for rewards. One bag should last around two weeks and no longer than three weeks.



Keep the bag of Anallergenic sealed between meals and store it in a clean, dry place. For added protection, you may place the bag inside a sealed container (but do not pour the food out of the bag). Anallergenic was packed in contaminant-free conditions, so within the bag itself is the best place to store it.

## ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS:

### What makes Anallergenic so different to other foods for allergic pets?

This diet is manufactured in a unique manner; employing the best methods to reduce the risk of adverse food reactions in pets.

### What causes a food allergy?

Food allergies or adverse reactions to food are harmful responses to an otherwise benign dietary component. They are specific to an individual animal and signs can be diverse, including primarily skin and gastrointestinal upsets. It is suggested that many factors such as genetics and environment contribute to the disease, alongside food.

### What is a food elimination trial?

Food elimination trial diagnose and confirm adverse food reactions (food allergies). By feeding a trial foodstuff completely free of allergens and monitoring changes closely, a pet's allergic status can be assessed. Sometimes changes can take time to occur. For this reason you will need to undertake a food elimination trial according to your Veterinary Surgeon's instructions. Seek further advice from your veterinarian on the duration of your pet's elimination trial.