Consultant
A Diagnostic Support System for Veterinary Medicine
http://www.vet.cornell.edu/consultant/Consult.asp

The Consultant database is freely accessible on the Internet, 24 hrs/day, 7 days/wk.

Consultant contains approximately 7000 diagnoses/causes, about 500 signs/symptoms, more than 18,000 literature references, and over 3,000 web links. It covers primary domestic animal species including dogs, cats, cattle, horses, sheep, goats, swine, birds, and poultry.

It is updated daily by Dr. Maurice “Pete” White, a professor at Cornell University’s College of Veterinary Medicine. Consultant is intended to provide clinical diagnostic support for veterinarians and others interested in animal health. It can be searched by Diagnoses/ Causes or by Clinical signs(s)/Symptoms.

Diagnosis / Cause
Use this approach if you already know a disease diagnosis and you want more current information about it.

Choose a species from the pull-down menu
Enter one or more letters or words of a diagnosis and click Search.
**Clinical Signs / Symptoms**

Use this approach to determine which *diagnoses* have a certain *combination of clinical signs*.

**Four different methods of choosing clinical signs/symptoms...**

1. **By Sign List**
   a. Click *Sign List*
   b. Choose a body system from the pull-down menu
   c. **Mark** one or more signs
   d. Click *Add to Signs*

Click on any of the *diagnoses* listed to see the description, species affected, associated clinical signs and links.

Choose a *species* from the pull-down menu

You are now able to search by one or more clinical signs in **FOUR DIFFERENT WAYS!**
2. One by One
   a. Enter one or more words or letters of the first sign and click **Search**.
      i. *e.g.*
         - tachy
         - fever
         - hyper
   b. **Consultant** will display a list of standardized symptom phrases.
   c. **Mark** one or more of the most relevant symptom phrases & click **Add to Signs**.
   d. **Repeat** the process of adding additional signs until an appropriate number of clinical signs have been selected.

OR

3. As **Strings**
   a. Enter a **string** of word fragments or complete words, **separated** by semicolons.
   b. Click **Search**.
   c. **Choose** additional signs from the lists if any related symptoms are displayed.
   d. Click **Add to Signs**.

OR

4. **Combination**
   a. Use **any combination** of methods 1, 2 or 3 above.
Then, when all of the signs have been chosen, click **Search for Diagnoses** to view the list of diagnoses corresponding with that particular combination of clinical signs.

**Click on any of the diagnoses** listed to see the **description**, **species** affected, associated **clinical signs**, **references**, and **Web links**.

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**Helpful Hints**

- Use the **BACK** button on your browser to go back to **previous screens**
- Click on the **N & N** (New & Noteworthy) link at the top of most pages at the site to access a **rolling list of important articles** from the veterinary literature on new disorders or with content of special interest. **Check regularly**.