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Weight management in dogs and cats

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Obesity is defined as an accumulation of excessive amounts of adipose tissue in the body, and predisposes to a variety of diseases including diabetes mellitus, and osteoarthritis. In most animals, obesity is the result of a simple imbalance between energy intake and energy expenditure. Therefore, at its simplest, successful management of obesity usually involves reversing this imbalance by reducing energy intake and/or increasing energy expenditure. This lecture will discuss current thoughts on both conventional and novel treatments for obesity in dogs and cats, and stimulate discussion on factors required for long-term success.

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