



# CAPTEX<sup>®</sup> MEDIUM-CHAIN TRIGLYCERIDES FOR COGNITION



# Cognition



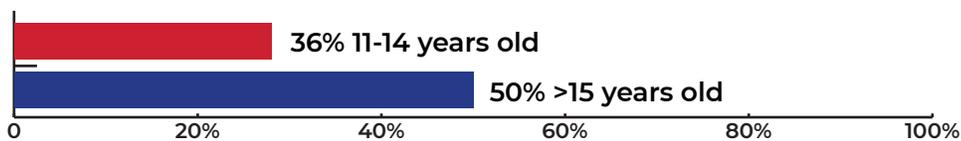
**COGNITION**, is a complex notion that includes

- learning and memory
- language
- attention
- motor skills
- executive function
- spatial abilities

These functions are integral parts of an animal's cognitive process and the improvements in nutrition and veterinary medicine have allowed our companion animals to live longer. Cognitive dysfunction syndrome is used to describe the progressive cognitive decrease that is characterized by a gradual decline in learning, memory, perception, and awareness in animals.<sup>1,2</sup> Using protocols that are designed to assess different cognitive areas, it has been shown that cognitive decline can start as early as 6 years in dogs and in cats, age-related cognitive impairments are noted before the clinical signs of cognitive decline.<sup>2,3</sup> This may suggest a link between cognitive impairment and behavioral changes.<sup>3</sup>

## Feline Cognitive Decline

### Cats With At Least One Sign Of Cognitive Decline <sup>3</sup>.



- ? Increased confusion
- Meows at night for no reason
- Alterations in sleep-wake cycle
- Alterations in activity - aimless wandering
- Decreased interaction with humans and other animals
- Loss of litterbox habits

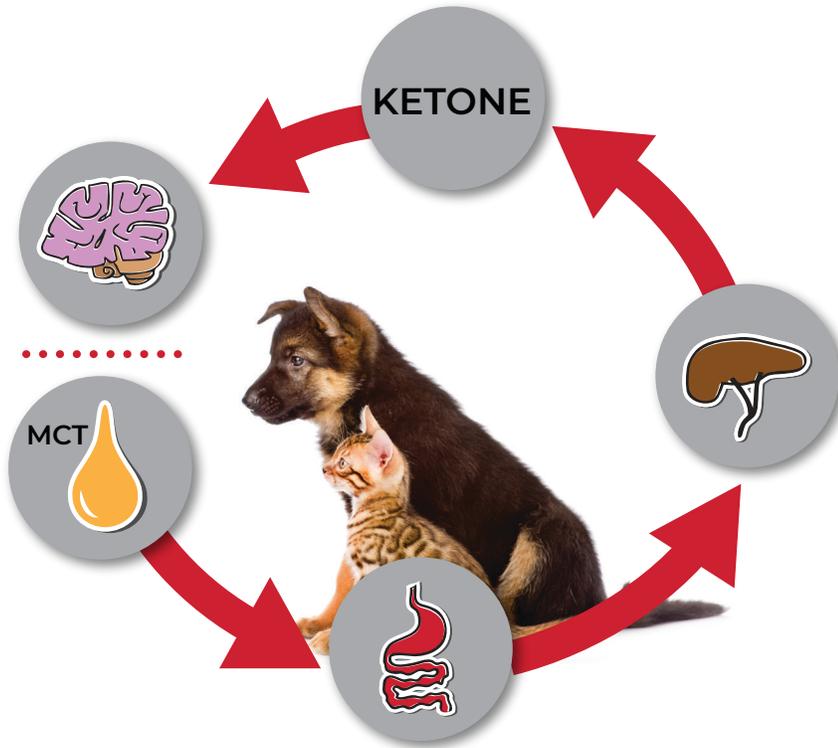


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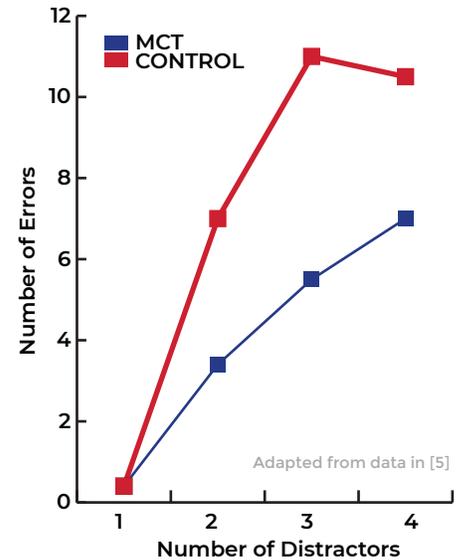
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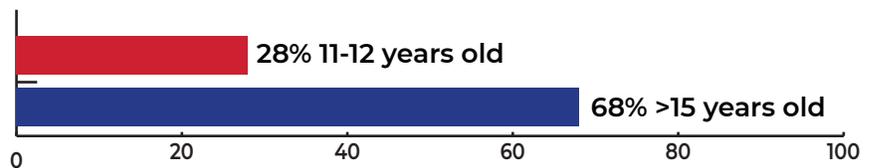
## MCTs IN DOGS <sup>5</sup>



Dogs fed MCTs performed less errors even with a higher number of distractors as compared to control dogs

## Canine Cognitive Decline

Dogs With At Least One Sign Of Cognitive Decline <sup>3</sup>.



Increased confusion

Barks at night for no reason



Alterations in sleep-wake cycle

Loss of recognition of familiar people



Decreased interaction with humans and other animals

Loss of housetraining



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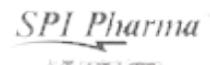
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