



Why Monitor Blood Glucose at Home?

AlphaTRAK® Blood Glucose Monitoring System Testimonials

Home blood glucose monitoring is a valuable tool to help the pet owner and the veterinarian achieve and maintain proper diabetic regulation. Home monitoring of blood glucose levels also aids in preventing dangerous hyperglycemic and hypoglycemic complications.

Blood glucose monitoring is best done under the pet's typical daily conditions, i.e. the home environment, where feeding, exercise, and stress levels are normal. Blood glucose values obtained in the clinic often do not accurately reflect the values on a typical day, complicating the regulation process.

Home monitoring with the AlphaTRAK Blood Glucose Monitoring System allows the pet owner to conveniently obtain accurate blood glucose results and may reduce the overall time and stress required to maintain a healthy diabetic pet.

Dr. Lori Wise from Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital is an advocate of home glucose monitoring in diabetic cats and dogs. Dr. Wise believes home monitoring improves glycemic control by minimizing the interference from stress, the chance of inducing diabetic remission in newly diagnosed cats by tightly controlling glucose levels, and improves client satisfaction because their pets' health is greatly improved. The following are testimonials of two of her cases.



Case 1: Home monitoring with the AlphaTRAK Blood Glucose Monitoring System helped Sam avoid hypoglycemia.

Sam, a 12 year-old, neutered, domestic short hair was diagnosed with diabetes. After insulin therapy was initiated Sam became hypoglycemic. Home monitoring of blood glucose levels with the AlphaTRAK system was recommended. Insulin therapy was continued and tight regulation was practiced. Sam is now off insulin therapy, his weight is stable, and he appears to be feeling great.

Lori Wise – DVM:

“Home monitoring allowed us to control his blood glucose over a period of months and decrease his glucose toxicity to the point that he became non-insulin dependent within about 4 months. The owner continues to monitor him every week. Sam has remained off of insulin for the last 6 months. He feels well and the owner is very happy with a non-insulin dependent cat.”

Pet Owner – Ambree:

“It was easy to learn how to use the AlphaTRAK (meter) to test Sam's blood glucose. Dr. Wise showed me how to get the little blood sample from the ear and I have had no problems. If he is acting lethargic or I think he may not be feeling well I can easily check his glucose levels. Before, I had to take Sam into the vets office, sometimes late at night, just to check. I find it very reassuring to have the instant reading.”

Veterinarian Background

Dr. Lori Wise, DVM, MS, DACVIM graduated from the University of Florida Veterinary School. She then completed an internship and residency in Medicine at Colorado State University. After a postdoctoral position and completion of board certification in Internal Medicine, she practiced in Los Angeles. Dr. Wise then returned to Colorado and is currently a partner at Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital.



Case 2: Home monitoring with AlphaTRAK system helped Cica prepare for needed surgery.

Cica, a 10 year-old, spayed, Labrador mix presented with PU/PD, polyphagia, weight loss and developing cataracts. The owners were home monitoring blood glucose levels with a human validated glucometer. Cica was not well regulated. Cica's owners were instructed on the proper use of the AlphaTRAK system and were able to successfully get Cica's diabetes under control, stabilize her weight and proceed with successful cataract surgery.

Lori Wise – DVM:

"I consulted with the owners because they were unable to achieve adequate diabetic regulation to have cataract surgery done. Her vision was dramatically reduced, and her quality of life was suboptimal. The owners were using a glucometer designed for humans. Spot blood glucose checks done at the clinic showed that her blood glucose on our in-house machine was very close to the AlphaTRAK meter readings, but the owner's monitor was reading about 100 units different. No wonder they couldn't get her regulated. After obtaining an AlphaTRAK meter and using it at home, they were able to have cataract surgery done within a few weeks."

Pet Owner—Jenny Wheeler:

"The AlphaTRAK (meter) worked a lot better than the human glucometer. I am in the medical field and did not know there was a difference between human meters and animal meters. It is nice to know the actual glucose value so I can give the correct amount of insulin. Cica doesn't always display outward signs so having a number, the actual blood glucose value, provides confirmation and allows me to give the right amount of insulin. I feel better now that I do not have to guess or worry that I am missing something."



Abbott Animal Health recommends that clients home monitoring blood glucose levels always contact their veterinarian before adjusting any treatment protocols.

For additional home monitoring benefits and information on the AlphaTRAK Blood Glucose Monitoring System Kit please call 888-299-7416 or visit us at www.AlphaTRAKmeter.com