

What are the 5 Vital Assessments?

Just like respiration, pulse, temperature and pain are vital assessments — so is nutrition. It's called the 5th Vital Assessment (5VA) because examining your patient's nutrition is crucial to their lifelong health.

Pet parents value your expert advice, and we're here to help

We know clients are eager to hear your recommendation. Pet parents report veterinarians are their most trusted source of nutrition information. As your partner in nutrition for both healthy and sick pets, we're here to help make those conversations easier.

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Tools and resources

Explore our ever-expanding collection of helpful resources for your team and your clients on the following pages.



Resources at the ready

Learning and empowering your team

Nutrition is Vital: Making the 5th Vital Assessment Easier: Techniques and Tools for the Whole Clinic Team

Making stronger nutrition recommendations

- Anatomy of a Nutritional Recommendation
- Asking Better Questions
- Understanding and Addressing Barriers to Nutrition Recommendations
- When, Why and How to Recommend Wellness Nutrition

Keeping nutrition top of mind

- 4 PAWS poster: Path to communicate with clients
- Prescription Diet Product Pocket Guide
- Poster for easier follow-up calls
- Checklists for making nutrition recommendations

Pet parent tools: Starting the conversation

- Nutrition is Vital Pet Parent Handout
- Diet History Form
- Social media posts designed to start the conversation with your clients

Pet parent tools: During the conversation

- Reliable Pet Nutrition Websites and Resources
- Myths About Pets and Pet Foods
- Pet Parent-Facing Nutrition Videos
- Five Pet Nutrition Myths

Pet parent tools: After a recommendation

- Tips for Transitioning Your Pet to a New Food
- Healthy and Low-calorie Snacks for Pets
- Vet Nurse: "Who can help answer my questions"













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Supporting you with more tools



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