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Monitor serum concentrations of triglyceride or cholesterol for hyperlipidemia

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Human lipid-lowering drugs may prove beneficial when dietary management has not completely succeeded. Gemfibrozil is a lipid-lowering drug that is well-tolerated in dogs with hypertriglyceridemia. Gemfibrozil is administered orally at 10 mg/kg BID. Gemfibrozil therapy has produced variable reductions in serum triglyceride concentrations, but it may be a useful adjunct to dietary therapy in cases in which alternative methods have failed to control serum triglyceride concentrations.

Although no side effects have been noted in dogs treated with gemfibrozil, it is advisable to monitor hematologic and serum chemistry parameters every six to eight weeks.

The administration of gemfibrozil should be discontinued if no response has been noted within three months of initiation of the therapy.