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ACVIM Publishes New Endorsed Statement Guidance on Diagnosing and Treating Chronic Inflammatory Enteropathy in Dogs

Greenwood Village, CO — January 21, 2026 — The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) has published a new endorsed statement on the diagnosis and treatment of chronic inflammatory enteropathy (CIE) in dogs, offering veterinarians clear, evidence-based guidance for managing this complex and often challenging condition.

Chronic inflammatory enteropathy is a common cause of persistent gastrointestinal signs in dogs, including chronic diarrhea, vomiting, and weight loss. The new statement outlines a stepwise diagnostic approach and practical treatment strategies designed to help veterinarians tailor care based on each patient's underlying disease subtype and response to therapy.

"CIE can be frustrating for both clinicians and pet owners due to its variable presentation and response to treatment," said Dr. Romy Heilmann, lead author of the statement. "This consensus guidance brings together the latest evidence to help veterinarians make informed decisions, optimize treatment plans, and ultimately improve quality of life for affected dogs."

The Endorsed Statement covers:

- A structured diagnostic workup to rule out underlying causes
- Evidence-based treatment options, including dietary, microbiome modulation, and immunosuppressive therapies
- Monitoring strategies to assess response and adjust long-term management

The guidance also supports veterinarians in setting expectations and communicating long-term management plans with pet owners navigating this chronic disease, helping strengthen client relationships and improve adherence to treatment recommendations.

The statement is published in the Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine (JVIM), ACVIM's official peer-reviewed scientific journal. JVIM is now published by Oxford University Press, expanding global access to high-quality veterinary research and clinical guidance.

Veterinarians and veterinary professionals can access the full statement at:

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