

CBD Oil and Pets

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The use of CBD Oil for pets is fairly new, only made legal for resale December 2018. Research has just begun on the efficacy of CBD Oil for certain problems. This information is to help guide you in choosing a safe CBD Oil should you choose to use it.

Not all CBD Oil is the same

How do you choose a CBD Oil? They are now sold everywhere; gas stations, grocery stores, and pet stores. CBD Oil is not FDA regulated, which means that unless companies apply for certification and third-party testing, many CBD Oil label claims are incorrect, some do not even contain any CBD or less than half of what's listed. Who do you trust to give you good information? Our Doctors have attended meetings on CBD oil and while the efficacy is still unknown these are some good guidelines to follow when researching brands of CBD.

What to look for:

- **Ensure that the CBD Oil is Xylitol Free.** Manufacturers do not have to list this on the label, you will likely have to call them and ask. Xylitol is very dangerous for pets and can cause liver damage.
- Only use CBD Oil that has the US Hemp Authority Certified Stamp. This ensures that the CBD Oil has been third party tested and the label claims are accurate.
- Look for Full Spectrum Hemp as this will provide an "entourage effect"
- THC should be less than 0.3%, if a CBD oil contains high amounts of THC pets could experience the same issues as they would with marijuana toxicity.
- It should be water soluble to ensure absorption
- What is the absorption rate? If a company tells you 100% they are lying, most are under 50%. Reputable manufacturers will have an 85-95% absorption rate.
- Stay away from CBD Oil made in China.
- What is the extraction method- Gold Standard is with CO2
- Most of this information cannot be found on the label. Call the manufacturer and ask. If they do not have the information readily available, move on to a different manufacturer.
- Some manufacturers will provide a QR code on the box or bottle, this can be scanned using a QR Reader app to provide the information above.



US Hemp Authority

In the absence of FDA Regulation, the US Hemp Authority was formed to provide a certification process and help consumers find reputable manufacturers of CBD Oil. Growers and Manufacturers wishing to become certified must undergo third party audits to ensure that they meet the Hemp authority standards. Currently (July 2019) there are only 20 manufacturers listed that are certified. To check the status you can follow this link: <https://www.ushempauthority.org/certified-companies>

Even if a product is certified by the US Hemp Authority, you should still make sure the product does not contain xylitol and is safe for use in pets.

One brand that we know of that meets all the parameters we list, especially that it is both certified and xylitol free is:

Zilis UltraCell Full Spectrum Hemp CBD Oil. It can be purchased directly from their website: zilis.com

