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Diagnosis / Cause —
Use this approach if you already know a disease diagnosis and want more current information about it.

1. Choose a species from the pull-down menu (default is ALL species).
2. Enter one or more letters or words of a diagnosis & click Search.
   - e.g., dermatitis hyperthyroidism
   - Cornea [Searches both cornea and corneal]
   - neuro [No truncation symbol is needed]
   - paratuberculosis
   - anemia
tarrier [For diseases of those breeds]
3. Click on any of the diagnoses listed to see the description, species affected, associated clinical signs, references and Web links.

Clinical Sign(s) / Symptoms —
Use this approach to determine what diagnoses have a certain combination of clinical signs.

1. Choose a species from the pull-down menu (default is ALL species).
2. Choose one or more clinical signs in several ways:
   - ONE-BY-ONE—Enter one or more words or letters of the first sign & click Search.
     - e.g., pruritus anestrus fever
     - hyper weight loss
   - CONSULTANT will display a list of standardized symptom phrases.
     Mark one or more of the most relevant symptom phrases & click Add to Signs.
   - Repeat the process of adding additional signs you add the fewer possible diagnoses will be found.
   - b. BY SIGN LIST—Click Sign List, choose a body system from the pull-down menu, and mark one or more signs.
   - c. AS STRINGS—Enter a string of complete words or fragments separated by semi-colons.
     - e.g., weight loss;fever;thirst vom;fev;diarr;prur
   - Chose additional signs from the lists if any related symptoms are displayed.
   - d. COMBINATION—Use combination of a, b, or c above.

3. Then, when all of the signs have been chosen, click Search for Diagnoses to view the list of diagnoses corresponding with that combination of clinical signs.
4. Click on any of the diagnoses listed to see the description, species affected, as-