

Table 43-5. Key nutritional factors in selected commercial veterinary therapeutic foods used for dissolution of struvite uroliths in dogs compared to recommended levels.*

Dry foods	Protein (%)	Phosphorus (%)	Magnesium (%)	Urinary pH**
Recommended levels	≤8	≤0.1	<0.02	5.9-6.1
Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Urinary SO 14	17.2	0.64	0.086	5.5-6.0
Moist foods	Protein (%)	Phosphorus (%)	Magnesium (%)	Urinary pH**
Recommended levels	≤8	≤0.1	<0.03	5.9-6.1
Hill's Prescription Diet s/d Canine	7.9	0.10	0.024	5.935
Royal Canin Veterinary Diet Urinary SO	23.3	1.16	0.116	na

*Manufacturers' published values nutrients expressed on a dry matter basis moist foods are best.

**Protocols for measuring urinary pH may vary.