## Letter of Referral



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RE: Dog -O-Pedic Mattress

I have looked at the above product and find it to be a valuable tool in providing canine comfort and in the alleviation of pain.

## In my opinion:

- a) The memory foam from which the mattress is constructed accommodates both protruding parts of the body and those parts requiring greater support better than the conventional materials from which mattresses are manufactured.
- b) It is to be highly recommended especially for geriatric and moribund dogs, as well as dogs suffering from arthritic conditions, back pathology and neuronal degeneration (such as degenerative myelopathy).
- c) It can be used to prevent callus formation on the elbows and hocks of heavy breeds and postoperatively.
- d) I expect it may find a use during long surgical procedures especially in large and heavy breeds to prevent complications arising from hypoperfusion of an area e.g. which results in spinal infarcts developing.
- e) From a hygienic point of view the mattress has an inner cover of a waterproof material and an outer cover which can be removed and washed.

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