

## **Management of the acute liver injury**

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Acute liver failure (ALF) is an uncommon but lifethreatening condition that occurs in patients with rapid deterioration of liver function. There are several causes for ALF in dogs and cats, such as toxins, neoplasias, portosystemic shunt, hepatic encephalopathy or infectious causes. Organic changes can occur very quickly and in view of this an ALF patient must be correctly monitored and treated as a critical patient. It is essential a complete nursing care in these patients for the treatment to be prompt and correctly performed.