**Stepwise approach for Treating Diarrhea**

(1)Fasting for 24hrs then feeding small, frequent meals of a bland low residue diet.

(2) Ensure worming history is up to date then double treat. [Ivomec 0.2mg/kg].

(3) If diarrhea is very watery and smelly (SI) or very haemorrhagic (LI) -> Rx metronidazole[20mg/kg q24h]

(4) If small bowel diarrhea persists after points 1-3, consider treating for antibiotic responsive diarrhea.

(5) Recommend commencement of a hyposensitivity diet. [depends on factors such as client finance etc.]

(6) If large bowel diarrhea persists, request a faecal culture for Campylobacter, Salmonella and E. coli and Clostridial toxins.

(7) If owner cannot comply with dietary trial or the patient has large bowel diarrhea but not with a lot of fresh blood (just mucus and tenesmus) advise adding fibre to the diet.

(8) If all the above fails or if the patient is hypoproteinaemic or if the patient has really blood large bowel diarrhea and severe tenesmus, or if there is any clue that neoplasia may be the cause, request ultrasonography and/or biopsy.