However... please know, once you start with a particular brand of CREON and it works... TRY NOT TO SWITCH brands!!!! "There are so many variables with prescriptions for CREON from different countries. Different countries fill the CREON differently. It is not regulated like medicine for hypertension etc. Changing from one CREON made by Abbott opposed to CREON made by Mylan as an example will vary very much. It is strongly suggested that when you use a particular CREON made by a particular company .... stick with the one and do not try to use or vary them from one company or the another unless the amounts are exactly the same as you have been using and working for your pet.

A 2012 Research Study on the use of enteric coated enzymes (CREON, LYPEX, etc) for EPI dogs: http://www.biomedcentral.com/1746-6148/8/127/abstract

Giving CREON is <u>not</u> straight-forward.... the pet owner will have to trial and error to find the right dose and the right administration technique. The following is a little guidance on how to do this:

The trick to giving CREON is make sure that its activation starts at the right time while going thru the digestive system- -and that will depend on each dog's very own pH level in their digestive tract / small intestine.. So.... it is all based on what your dog's pH level is, not his size nor the amount of food given.... and this is why it takes a little trial and error with these dogs when placed on CREON. First.... the dose. We suggest starting with a CREON 10,000 (or 12,000) per meal (you can add more if this amount doesn't work)

Next... the technique.... the best way is to just try the following techniques to see which works best ... and that is determined by the poo quality:

- 1. Give the CREON 10,000 (or 12,000) capsule whole or sprinkle the contents and feed immediately or wait for 10 minutes before feeding (some dogs respond better with either method). Watch the poo for a few days and try to assess. Please note: if you are going to sprinkle the contents ensure that the dog eats the entire meal so that all of the Creon is ingested. If in doubt, give the capsule whole before trying the sprinkling method.
- 2. if the above does not produce optimal poo results, then you can try 2 x CREON 10,000 (or 12,000) capsules. Watch the poo for a few days and try to assess if this helped, or if it is just right or not working at all....
- 3. if the above is not working at all.... then try giving a CREON 10,000 (or 12,000) capsule about 5 minutes prior to a meal... again, watch the poo and try to assess if this appears to work better than the above or not. If it does appear to work better.... but still isn't perfect, then try giving the CREON 10,000 (or 12,000) about 10 minutes prior to a meal and again assess the poo over the next few days.

These are some techniques... the trick in giving CREON will be up to you to try and figure out TWO THINGS!

- 1. what is the best "timing" method of giving CREON.. whole in capsules or in some cases whether opened and served immediately or 5, 10 or 15 minutes prior to a meal.
- 2. and then the right "dose"... whether one CREON 10,000 (or 12,000) is enough or if you need two CREON 10,000 (or 12,000)... or if your dog is going to need approximately CREON 25,000.