



Helping dogs live longer, healthier lives

Our aging thesis

Aging is the most significant modifiable risk factor for most degenerative and chronic diseases in adult dogs. Targeting the ways dogs age and decline over time may be one of the most effective and practical ways for veterinarians to increase the healthy lifespan of their canine patients.

At Loyal, our approach is to help dogs live longer and stay healthier as they age by targeting the underlying processes that lead to age-associated disease and disability. Our drugs aim to extend lifespan and quality of life by reducing incidence or severity of age-related diseases.

Products in development

We have three lifespan extension drugs in development, targeting two molecular pathways.

LOY-002 is intended for dogs aged 10 or older and weighing at least 14 lb. It aims to extend healthy lifespan by targeting age-associated metabolic dysfunction.

LOY-001 and LOY-003 are intended for dogs weighing 40 lb or more, and target the overexpression of IGF-1, a hormone that we believe is associated with large dogs' shorter lifespan relative to small dogs.

	Senior dog lifespan extension	Large dog lifespan extension	
Development name	LOY-002	LOY-001	LOY-003
Description	As dogs age their metabolic health declines, leading to disease and premature death. LOY-002 is believed to improve metabolic health with the aim of reducing age-associated disease and extending healthy lifespan.	As a result of selective breeding, large dogs produce more IGF-1 hormone than required post-maturity. This is believed to reduce their lifespan relative to smaller dogs. LOY-001 addresses this overexpression in adult dogs with the aim of reducing age-associated diseases and extending healthy lifespan.	LOY-003 targets the same IGF-1 overexpression as LOY-001, designed as a daily pill.
Target population	Dogs aged 10 or older and weighing at least 14 lb.	Dogs aged 7 or older and weighing at least 40 lb.	
How supplied	Prescription daily flavored pill	Prescription long-acting injection	Prescription daily pill
Planned launch	Early 2025	Late 2026	Late 2026

LOY-002

Lifespan extension for dogs aged 10 or older and weighing at least 14 lb

Mechanism of action

LOY-002 is designed to be a daily flavored tablet given to dogs with the aim of extending lifespan and mitigating the decline in health and quality of life associated with aging. We believe it will accomplish this by addressing several aspects of the overall metabolic dysfunction that occurs with aging.

There is already some compelling evidence that targeting metabolic dysfunction can extend healthspan and lifespan. Caloric restriction is a commonly used research intervention to improve metabolic health and extend lifespan in mammals from mice to primates. A landmark study found that calorically restricted Labrador Retrievers lived almost two years longer on average than dogs fed to a normal body condition.¹ The calorie-restricted group also had significantly lower prevalence of common age-associated diseases, such as osteoarthritis and neoplasia.^{1,2}

While caloric restriction itself is not a practical way to extend lifespan in pet dogs, this study showed that improving metabolic health can have a direct and significant impact on lifespan in dogs. We believe drugs will be a more targeted and pragmatic approach to achieving similar benefits.

Our aim with LOY-002 is to preserve metabolic health, which we believe will delay the onset of age-associated disease and help maintain better function and quality of life.

Because this product is still in development, the drug and its exact mechanism of action currently necessarily remain confidential. For now, we can only discuss our approach in general terms. However, we continue to publish our pre-clinical research data, and much more detailed information will be made available to veterinarians if the drug is approved for use.

The STAY Study

STAY is a double-blinded, placebo-controlled efficacy study intended to assess the effect of LOY-002 on

lifespan and healthspan in treated dogs. The STAY study will be conducted over four years in partnership with 55 veterinary clinics across the country. Roughly 1,000 companion dogs 10 years and older and between 14 and 179 pounds will participate. In December of 2023, we enrolled the first dog in the STAY study and are actively recruiting patients.

Over the span of STAY, we'll collect extensive data on health, quality of life, and lifespan in dogs receiving LOY-002 and those receiving a placebo. The results of the study will be part of our application for full FDA approval for the drug for lifespan extension and will also be shared with veterinarians.

Conditional Approval

While conducting this unprecedented canine lifespan study, we're also pursuing conditional approval for LOY-002 based on existing efficacy, safety, and manufacturing data.

The FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine's expanded conditional approval pathway is meant for animal drugs that address an unmet medical need and require long or complex studies to complete collection of the effectiveness data needed for full approval. Conditional approval has the same strict safety and manufacturing quality requirements as full approval, but it is a way to make needed drugs available to veterinarians more rapidly based on evidence showing a Reasonable Expectation of Effectiveness (RXE). RXE can be supported by evidence from various sources, including the scientific literature and pre-clinical or pilot studies, which are often smaller and shorter than trials like the STAY study.

Loyal is committed to following the rigorous scientific and manufacturing standards set by the FDA, and product timelines will depend on our ongoing work with the agency to meet those standards. However, if the FDA grants conditional approval for LOY-002, veterinarians may be able to prescribe the drug as soon as 2025 while the STAY study continues to gather the data required for full approval.

LOY-001 and LOY-003

Lifespan extension for dogs aged 7 or older and weighing at least 40 lb

Mechanism of action

LOY-001 and LOY-003 both address the premature morbidity and mortality of large-breed dogs. LOY-001 will be long-acting injectable administered by veterinarians every three to six months. LOY-003 will be a daily pill developed through our partnership with human biopharma company Crinetics Pharmaceuticals.

It is well-known that body size and lifespan are related in dogs, and that larger dogs often have substantially shorter lifespans than smaller dogs. Larger body size is predominantly determined by the levels of certain hormones during development, including growth hormone (GH) and insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1). However, these hormones have effects on metabolism other than stimulating growth.

There is extensive evidence in many species, including dogs, showing a correlation between high IGF-1 levels and shorter lifespan, and this is considered one of the core pathways of aging.³ We believe that sustained higher levels of GH and IGF-1 in larger dogs are partly responsible for shorter lifespan and the earlier development of age-associated disease and disability. If we are correct, then LOY-001 and LOY-003 will extend lifespan in part by reducing IGF-1 levels and delaying the onset of age-associated

metabolic dysfunction and disease. These drugs will be administered only to skeletally mature dogs, not puppies, so they will not affect adult body size.

Working toward FDA approval

As with LOY-002, we are planning to seek full approval for LOY-001, which includes conducting a large, long-term efficacy trial similar to the STAY study. We hope to begin this study in 2025. We do not yet have clinical study plans or timelines to announce for LOY-003.

We are also seeking conditional approval for these drugs to address the unmet need of early mortality in large dogs due to age-associated disease. Late last year, the FDA accepted the technical effectiveness portion of our conditional approval application, determining that we had met the criteria for RXE. We believe this to be the FDA's first-ever formal acceptance that a drug can be developed and approved to extend lifespan. This is only one of several elements in seeking conditional approval, but it is an important milestone.

If the FDA grants conditional approval for LOY-001, veterinarians may be able to prescribe the drug as soon as 2026. As always, these timelines will depend on our ongoing work to meet the rigorous scientific and manufacturing standards set by the FDA.

Q&A

What are the potential benefits of your drugs?

All our programs are focused on developing FDA-approved drugs that extend healthy lifespan in dogs. By targeting specific pathways that lead to metabolic dysfunction, we believe we can delay age-associated disease and disability and give companion dogs substantially more time with good health, physical function, and quality of life. The STAY study and our other ambitious clinical trials will provide much more detail about the impacts of our drugs on health and lifespan.

What are the active pharmaceutical ingredients in your drugs?

Because our products are still in development, the drugs and their exact mechanisms of action necessarily remain confidential. We'll release these details — along with safety and efficacy data — as we get closer to launching each product.

Do your drugs treat specific cancers or other age-related diseases?

Our approach is to develop medications that preserve health and broadly delay or prevent age-associated disease, rather than focusing on treating specific diseases after they have already developed.

Do dogs need to be healthy when taking your drugs?

We expect dogs with many pre-existing conditions will be able to take our drugs and benefit from them, but any specific guidelines will be based on the results of our clinical and safety studies.

What about younger or smaller dogs?

We expect to support the following populations with our drugs:

- For LOY-002, dogs 10 years and older and between 14 and 179 pounds
- For LOY-001 and LOY-003, dogs 7 years and older and at least 40 pounds

Clinical studies are designed to measure effectiveness among a target population, and for our lifespan extension drugs this means choosing a population that's most likely to benefit over the duration of our clinical studies. If approved, our drugs will be intended for use in the same populations studied in the clinical efficacy trials.

Our goal is to help as many dogs as possible, and we hope to pursue additional research to expand access to a broader population in the future.

Why develop both an injection and daily pill to treat overexpression of growth hormone in large dogs?

Our goal is to offer a range of options to suit the needs of veterinarians and dog owners.

A long-acting injection offers convenience and improved compliance, while a daily pill generally may be preferred by some owners.

What about cats?

We love them too, but don't currently have any plans to develop therapies for cats.

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