

CVC Newsletter

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Bloat in Your Dog

The medical term for bloat is gastric dilation and volvulus syndrome (GDV). Gastric dilation occurs when the dog's stomach dilates yet maintains its normal position. When gastric dilation and volvulus occur, the stomach twists and closes off the openings leading in from the esophagus and out to the intestines. The dog is then unable to belch or vomit and food and gas cannot pass out. Complications of GDV are serious and life threatening and may include tissue damage from loss of flow of blood to the abdominal organs; shock from insufficient blood flow; a ruptured stomach from excessive pressure; and toxins that are produced affecting multiple organs including the heart. The exact cause of bloat is unknown but typically is associated with excessive eating, drinking, and stress.

Purebred dogs are more likely to have bloat than mixed breeds, especially those that have a narrow and deep chest. If your dog seems to be uncomfortable, has a distended abdomen, is whining, pacing, lying down and getting up often in an attempt to get comfortable, prompt veterinary treatment is needed, to evaluate for possible Bloat/Volvulus.

P.S. A preventative surgery to anchor the stomach to the body wall, called gastropexy, may be done in high risk breeds.



Pet of the Month

Griffin

We adopted Griffin at 6 months old. He is the best dog, not a mean bone in his body. Our 6 year old daughter can do anything to him, pull on his ears, sit on him and he doesn't flinch. He's the best family dog and he loves his family. He loves retrieving the ball and he's getting good at swimming.

Feline Anorexia

Feline Anorexia in itself can be a very serious condition, regardless of the underlying cause. Various diseases, organ dysfunctions, and fevers can cause anorexia. However, even something as simple as changing a cat's diet or anxiety about a move to a new home can initiate the anorexia. Unlike most dogs, cats cannot be forced to eat what we want them to eat. Even if the cat is not acting ill in any other way, anorexia of several days duration should be viewed as an emergency. Cats require a high protein content in their diet. If they don't ingest enough protein in their diet, as is the case with the amoretic cat, their bodies will resort to using abnormal metabolic pathways through the liver in an attempt to generate the energy that their bodies need. The end result can be the development of a severe liver disease called hepatic lipidosis or "fatty liver disease". Diagnosis and the treatment of any underlying disease are crucial. Appetite stimulants can sometimes be used to get the cat's appetite "jumpstarted". In order to save their lives, some cats even require peg feeding tubes, through which some cats need to be fed for weeks, months, or even years. If your cat should ever develop anorexia for more than forty-eight hours, please contact your veterinarian.



CVC Team Announcements

Congratulations!

An is this month's "Employee of the Month". An joined our healthcare team in September 2004. An is truly a great asset to our team and is dedicated to providing client and patient service. This month one of our clients nominated An for employee of the month. "An is phenomenal. She always is so patient and listens so well. We are lucky to have such a friendly and cheerful employee to care for our patients and their families." To show appreciation Countryside Veterinary Clinic awards An "Employee of the Month".

Anniversaries

Kathy C	2 years
Kendal H.	3 years
Doris L.	1 years
An W.	4 years

Birthdays

Valerie F.	September 1
Patti W.	September 1
An W.	September 10
Dr. Carolyn	September 28

Other News

Congatulations ... Michalene is expecting a baby!!!

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To: Our Valued
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