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Food for Thought

by Dr. Julie Buzby Snyder



Each of us has contributed to the 11 billion dollars spent annually on pet foods in the United States. Yet nutrition remains a subject vastly

undervalued by American consumers and even by veterinary colleges. In four years of veterinary training, I had one nutrition class, and that dealt with the molecular not clinical aspect of food. I was provided with one nutrition textbook free from a major pet food company and received a free bag of food every month from a different pet food company. I graduated thinking that Iams/Eukanuba and Hill's Science Diet were premium foods, because that's what my veterinary school sold. These companies do a tremendous job of marketing to the veterinarian and consumer. My observation is that the primary reason these foods are pricey is because of their extensive advertising overhead, not because of quality ingredients.

Conversely, you have heard the maxim, "You get what you pay for." You can count on the fact that inexpensive foods are low in quality. It is simply impossible for a company that sells grocery store brand food at pennies per pound to use high quality meats and

whole grains as ingredients.

The leading pet food companies in our country are subsidiaries of major corporations:

Nestle (Alpo, Fancy Feast, Friskies, Mighty Dog and Ralston-Purina, makers of Dog and Puppy Chow, ProPlan, Purina)

Heinz (9 Lives, Amore, Gravy Train, Kibbles-n-Bits and Nature's Recipe)

Colgate-Palmolive (Hill's Science Diet)

Proctor & Gamble (Eukanuba and Iams)

Mars (Kal Kan, Mealtime, Pedigree, Sheba, Waltham's)

Such companies take the "left overs" from human food production and use the waste in pet food. Rather than nutritional muscle meat, "by-products" are now the meat source for most cat and dog foods. By-products include bones, blood, intestines (often with fecal matter) and other "left over" parts. Far too often, tissues of diseased, dying and disabled animals (including cancerous tissue, meat tainted with drugs given before slaughter, and parasite infested organs) are used. Further, these by-products vary widely in nutritional value, depending on the particular batch. Grain products, once considered only fillers, have also replaced meat as substitute protein sources for cats and dogs.

Become a label reader! Look for whole meat as the top ingredient. Remember, by law ingredients must be listed in descending order of their amount in the product. Many cat and dog foods list corn as the first ingredient on the label. Corn is a much cheaper energy source than meat and much less nutritious. Corn and grain meals are the "left overs" from processing grains for human food.

The major fat sources for pet foods commonly include restaurant grease and animal fats, both of which generally contain powerful preservatives



to prevent spoilage and increase shelf life. These preservatives, including BHA, BHT and Ethoxyquin, don't necessarily show up on the food label, depending on when they are added in the production process. These ingredients are suspected carcinogens. Fats are also sprayed on the food to increase the palatability of what otherwise resembles bland sawdust.

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Many chemicals are added as preservatives, flavorings, colorings and to improve the overall appearance of the food. Meat chunks you see when opening a can of grocery store brand dog food are usually chunks of molded by-product formulated to convince you of wholesomeness. Additives in processed pet foods include: anti-caking agents, antimicrobial agents, antioxidants, coloring agents, curing agents, drying agents, emulsifiers, firming agents, flavor enhancers, flavoring agents, flour treating agents, formulation aids, humectants, leavening agents, lubricants, non-nutritive sweeteners, oxidizing and reducing agents, pH control agents, processing aids, sequestrants, solvents, vehicles, stabilizers, thickeners, surface active agents, surface finishing agents, synergists and texturizers. ¹Further, pet foods must be fortified with vitamins and minerals because of the poor quality of ingredients and the wide variation in the batch of by-products used.

Pet food companies, realizing that consumers are becoming more aware and health conscious are making adjustments to keep their share of the market. Unfortunately, these changes are not usually in the ingredients, but in the marketing of the products. Recently, I saw a client whose overweight pet was just diagnosed with diabetes. I explained that traditional treats would be off limits, but the owner could offer fresh raw vegetables. She assured me that she was feeding her dog a new food composed of wholesome veggies. "Beneful®?" I asked. "That's it," she replied. Beneful's® bag portrays wholesome fresh veggies and beef chunks encircling a happy pooch and reads "With wholesome grains and real beef." However, according to the Association of American Feed Control Officials' standards, using "with" on a label merely requires that the ingredient make up 3% of the food by dehydrated weight. Three of the first four ingredients in Beneful are

grains. Dried peas and carrots are 17th and 18th on the ingredient list, after sugar, salt and preservatives.

Beneful's® Label of Ingredients:

Ground yellow corn, chicken-by-product meal, corn gluten meal, whole wheat flour, beef tallow preserved with mixed-tocopherols (source of Vitamin E), rice flour, beef, soy flour, sugar, sorbitol, tri-calcium phosphate, water, animal digest, salt, phosphoric acid, potassium chloride, dicalcium phosphate, sorbic acid (a preservative), L-Lysine monohydrochloride, dried peas, dried carrots, calcium carbonate, calcium propionate (a preservative), choline chloride, vitamin supplements (E, A, B-12, D-3), added color (Yellow 5, Red 40, Yellow 6, Blue 2), DL-Methionine, zinc sulfate, glyceryl monostearate, ferrous sulfate, niacin, manganese sulfate, calcium pantothenate, riboflavin supplement, biotin, thiamine mononitrate, garlic oil, copper sulfate, pyridoxine hydrochloride, folic acid, menadione sodium bisulfite complex (source of Vitamin K activity), calcium iodate, sodium selenite.

Anecdotal reports indicate that such "poisoning" of our pets has contributed to the increase of cancer, degenerative disease, allergies and skin problems seen in the past couple decades. As my practice philosophy has become more "wholistic", I have come to realize the value of nutrition. Each pet has individualized nutritional needs. Factors such as breed, age, condition, lifestyle, allergies and preferences all affect nutritional recommendations. Undeniably, nutrition is a cornerstone of health. While I recommend several brands of human grade holistic pet foods to clients, I know they can be difficult to find in our area. Construction is now underway to

build additional shelving in the clinic. By the end of April, we will be carrying a complete line of dry and canned premium "label approved" cat and dog foods. Incidentally, many holistic gurus recommend feeding cats canned food as the majority of their diet because it contains a higher percentage of meat, which is closer to original form (less processed). Also, scientific research has proven that the increased water intake in canned foods aids in the prevention of urinary tract problems.

We will start by adding Solid Gold® (Hund N Flocken) and Old Mother Hubbard's Wellness® to our canine selection and Innova® and Wellness® to our feline lines. These foods are top rated by the independent magazines, "The Whole Dog Journal" and "The Whole Cat Journal" respectively, and are proven winners in my personal research. As with any diet change, we recommend a slow transition (up to two weeks) to the new food to allow the GI tract to adjust. I am genuinely excited about this new dimension of Vetcetera. This is the vision of "veterinary medicine, et cetera!"

For more information, check out:

1. *The Whole Dog Journal*:
www.whole-dog-journal.com
2. *The Whole Cat Journal*:
Phone (800) 829-1926 for back issues (recently out of print)
3. *Dr. Pitcairn's Complete Guide to Natural Health for Dogs and Cats*

Footnote:

1. What's Really in Pet Food by the Animal Protection Institute www.api4animals.org



"The wise man should consider that health is the greatest of human blessings. Let food be your medicine.

— HIPPOCRATES

The Scoop on Poop

An annual lab test of your pet's fecal sample for microscopic parasite eggs is a very important part of preventative medicine. A parasite is an organism that lives at the expense of a host.

Roundworms are the most common internal parasite seen in dogs and cats. These spaghetti like worms may be identified in stool or vomit, though most often only their microscopic eggs are being shed. Transmission can occur by ingestion of invisible infective eggs (termed a fecal-oral route), via ingestion of an intermediate host, such as a rodent, or from a female dog or cat to her puppies/kittens across the placenta or through her milk. Nearly all puppies are born infected with roundworms. Common clinical signs are abdominal discomfort, potbellied appearance, vomiting and diarrhea. Severe cases can cause death from intestinal obstruction or rupture.

Hookworms are bloodsucking parasites that live in the small intestines. Transmission occurs in the same routes described for the roundworm, but also can occur through skin penetration by larvae. When infection occurs by skin penetration, larvae migrate through tissues en route to the small intestine, where they use their hook-like mouths to lodge onto the wall of the intestine. They "graze" in the intestine, creating bleeding ulcers. Thus, severe hookworm infection can cause life-threatening anemia. Clinical signs include pale

membranes, weakness and weight loss. Like roundworms, hookworms can cause death, especially in puppies.

Whipworms are a common problem in dogs of all ages. Infection occurs when soil contaminated with infective eggs is ingested. Eggs are passed in the feces of affected pets, and may survive in the environment for four to five years! The eggs grow into adults and embed deep in the wall of the large bowel. They too feed on blood and cause diarrhea often with blood or mucus. Because these worms shed their eggs intermittently, infestation can be difficult to diagnose. For this reason, we may treat suspicious symptoms with a broad spectrum dewormer.

Dogs and cats usually acquire tapeworm by consuming an infected flea. A second species of tapeworm is transmitted through ingestion of an infected rodent or rabbit. Tapeworms reside in the small intestine. Tapeworm infestations are less harmful to the host than other worms, but can cause weight loss. This parasite's eggs are rarely seen on fecal flotation. Diagnosis is usually made by visualizing rice-like segments on the anus or stool. Flea control is an important part of prevention. We routinely deworm dogs and cats that consume prey to eliminate tapeworms.

Coccidia is a protozoan parasite transmitted through ingesting infective eggs from a feces contaminated environment or an intermediate host. Though animals may exhibit no symp-

toms (as they may normally have this protozoa in their bowels) often mucoid, bloody diarrhea results from infection. This parasite can also cause vomiting, lethargy and weight loss. Clinical disease is generally seen in pets that are stressed, overcrowded or young, whose immune systems are compromised.

Common sense hygiene and sanitation are very important to your pet as well as your family. Several of these parasites can be transmitted to humans. Prevention measures include keeping your yard free of feces, bringing a stool sample for annual evaluation and using a heartworm preventative that helps control intestinal parasites.

Most of these parasites are easily treated, however no single dewormer treats them all. The fecal flotation allows us to identify which parasites are present, so we can prescribe the proper medication. We use a series of deworming medications to address the life cycle of each individual worm. This way we kill the adults and then administer subsequent doses to kill hatching worms. We check a stool sample on every puppy and kitten to identify which worms are present. Even if the sample is negative, we still do a short deworming course recommended by the CDC as an insurance policy for your pet and family.



Geriatric Wellness Exams – Avoiding the Icebergs

Veterinarians agree that annual checkups are the most important part of preventative health care. The time elapsed between annual visits represents five to ten human years, depending on species and breed.

While an annual exam is generally adequate to evaluate the health of younger pets with no known concerns or "red flags," regular checkups with diagnostics become critical as dogs and

cats age. Just like people, older pets typically require more medical attention.

A recent pet population survey revealed that 75 percent (41 million) of our nation's pets are over the age of six. In your pet's "golden years" (seven and older) we suggest a checkup every six months. We may also recommend a geriatric work-up, a collection of tests for early detection and prevention of problems common to senior pets.

As the body ages, the ability to fight infection, remove toxins and process nutrients decreases. Older pets often have problems that are developing silently. These changes take on the character of an iceberg in the ocean. By the time you notice an abnormality, you are seeing only the tip of the iceberg.

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Significant damage may have already occurred. In 80 percent of human heart attack victims, death is the first symptom. Just because your pet seems healthy on the outside, disease may still be progressing undetected within.

In a recent clinical study of 190 senior pets, assessed as "healthy" by their owners and on complete veterinary physical exams, roughly one-fifth of the animals were found to have significant unobserved disease after a laboratory evaluation. The reason for more frequent and thorough checkups for aging pets is to detect disease before it has progressed, while it is still treatable.

Geriatric work-ups include tests to screen for infection, anemia, organ failure, diabetes, parasites, dental disease, thyroid abnormalities and many other conditions. Generally we evaluate a blood, urine and stool sample. Diagnostic testing is the earliest and most accurate method of identifying subclinical disease. Advanced testing may include radiographs, ophthalmic tests, ECG evaluation and further blood work.

Our Vetcetera team enjoys taking exceptional care of your pets and we look forward to doing so through the entirety of life. Early detection and prevention of medical problems will improve quality of life, may extend life span, and likely cost less in the long run.

Due to improved nutrition, home care and medical technology, both people and pets are living longer than ever before. There is no reason your pet shouldn't enjoy his "retirement years" as much as he enjoyed the rest of his life! Please ask us about geriatric wellness testing at your next appointment!

Vetcetera Hours

Monday 9:00-6:00

Tuesday 8:00-6:00

Wednesday 9:00-7:00

Thursday 9:00-6:00

Friday 9:00-6:00



Training Tips

by Amy Eckert, Veterinary Assistant

The Gentle Leader® Headcollar is a gentle yet effective alternative to choke and prong collars. Unlike many training collars that work by inflicting pain to maintain control, this collar is designed to provide comfortable positive control. If you know that your dog would love to go on more walks but are tired of your dog walking you, this collar is the solution. It can also help to modify other behavioral issues such as aggression towards people and other animals, jumping and lunging. It allows training your dog to be painless and fun.

The Gentle Leader® Headcollar is a halter for dogs, similar to those worn by horses. It is not a muzzle. There are two soft nylon straps--one goes around the base of the muzzle and the other around the neck sitting higher up than most traditional collars. The premise is that by controlling the head of the dog, the body must follow. It does not require a lot of strength or specialized skills to use the collar successfully.



Though dogs adjust to the halter differently, training starts as soon as the Gentle Leader® is placed on your pet and results are generally seen immediately. Because we support the use of this product for your dog's physical and mental health, we are now offering the Gentle Leader® for sale, with or without an introductory training session.

The Gentle Leader® comes in several colors and is sold with matching leash and instructional booklet. Please call for more information on this exciting training alternative and ask about borrowing one of our Gentle Leader® demonstration videos from our lending library!



The "Snoot Report" is dedicated to the pets who have touched the lives of all who knew them.

In loving memory of

Davey Bettinger

Cody Bowman

Lady Clauser

Dusty Conrad

Keesha Curry

Duke Daubenspeck

Swettie Ditzler

Gemma Engel

Lady Fels

Chaps Fessler

Jenny Frantz

Jolie Freiler

Black Beauty Gianfagna

Sammy Goetz

Precious Hahn

Kiara Heinbach-Oesterle

Sammy Kemmerling

Happy Kerestus

Droopie Kertsmar

Magnum Killian

Keesha Kimmel

Sweet Pea Krammes

Moe Krammes

Farley Machamer

Spud Maley

George Manley

Shadow Miller

Flame Milligan

Casey Murphy

Sassy Prohibition

Darla Quandel

Harry Rady

Kutta Rausch

Duffy Reed

Shadow Reichert

Hannibal Riegel

Buffy Ruff

Shakra Scannell

Honey Schneck

Shadow Schnoke

Tumble Schramm

Cali Schwalm

Abby Seyler

Wilbur Siminitus

Smokey Stites

Maggie Stump

Tommy Boy Sullivan

Bridgety Sweigert

Mitzi Thompson

Wonka Tichy

Chuckie Unger

Frankie Unger

Prince Storm Winkleman

Frieda Woznicki

Windy Zalusky



King's Long Journey Home

by Carol Farabaugh, Receptionist

Remember King the Spaniel, our featured superstar pet in the last *Snoot Report*? We are delighted to report a happy ending to this story.

Rewind to last April. That's when Bill and Nancy Tihansky brought their Springer Spaniel, Blair, to Vetcetera for a second opinion. Dr. Julie confirmed the diagnosis of aggressive cancer. The Tihanskys made the painful decision to euthanize their beloved pet of 13 years.

Meanwhile King had recently been turned into the Hillside SPCA. Rescued from a life chained to a dog box, he was unkempt and lonely.

Eileen Gibson and Tom Zimmerman, serving as King's foster family, brought King to Vetcetera and we contacted the Tihanskys. Still grieving over the loss of Blair, Bill and Nancy were not able to commit to a new pet at that time.

Months later, friends of the Tihanskys saw the *Snoot Report* story on King and gave their copy to Nancy and Bill. They called Eileen and decided to meet King.

A chill ran down Bill's spine when he saw King, because he reminded him so much of Blair. A temporary in-home trial was agreed upon and Nancy got in the back seat with King for the drive home. King curled up on Nancy's lap and the bonding began. The decision was made immediately – King would be staying for a lifetime.

Bill was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1990. He suffers with chronic pain and is at home by himself during the day. King has become Bill's best medicine!

King keeps Bill active and busy – walking, feeding and playing. King is a constant companion for Bill, and clearly adores both his new parents. When Nancy gets home from work, King runs up and down the



driveway celebrating her return.

It has been said that God works in mysterious ways. Thank you Tom, Eileen, Bill and Nancy for giving King his HOME.



YOU MADE THE CALL

Congratulations to everyone who solved the case of Quincy, our lame Labrador from last issue.

DIAGNOSIS: Lyme disease

TREATMENT: Quincy was treated with six weeks of an oral antibiotic called Doxycycline. His lameness diminished within the first week of treatment and he is now 100 percent.

MORAL OF THE STORY:

Lyme disease is the most commonly reported tick-borne disease in the United States and very common to our area. The disease is transmitted through the deer tick, which serves as host to the Lyme organism. You may never see this tick on your dog as it is about the size of a poppy seed. Typically Lyme

disease results in lameness, possibly involving multiple joints. Systemic signs can also occur, including lack of appetite, weight loss, fatigue, lymph node involvement and fever. This disease can also damage the kidneys, heart and nervous system. Lyme disease is theoretically possible, but not well documented in cats.

Bloodwork confirms diagnosis. Vetcetera is now offering an inexpensive in-clinic Lyme and heartworm combination test with immediate results. This test should be performed prior to starting a Lyme vaccination series.

We do not recommend vaccination for all pets, only those at high risk. Hunting and field trial dogs and dogs who spend time in wooded areas, underbrush and

grasslands are considered the at-risk population. After two initial injections, vaccination is performed annually at the beginning of tick season.

Since infection is thought to require 48 hours of tick attachment, preventing ticks from attaching on your dog is the best means of avoiding disease. We recommend the Preventic collar as the best tick preventative on the market. Frontline/Top Spot also has a tick claim. Checking your pet for ticks daily is optimal. Lyme disease is also transmissible to humans through the bite of an infected tick, but not directly from a dog.

Please call us to discuss your dog's risk and recommended preventative measures.



The Catsultant

by Wendy Fisher, C.A.H.T.

Often we have the opportunity to care for a kitten recently introduced to a new household. This fun and exciting change can unfortunately cause behavioral problems in resident cats or introduce them to disease. Here are some tips we would like you to know prior to expanding your feline family.

1. When obtaining a new cat or kitten as a companion for a resident feline, try to match their personalities and activity levels.
2. Before introducing a new pet (cat or dog), make sure it is healthy. A physical exam should be performed, as well as tests for contagious disease. These include evaluation for internal and external parasites and a simple blood test for Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV). Feline leukemia is a highly contagious disease that can be transmitted through saliva (shared water bowls, mutual grooming, fighting) and FIV is transmitted through blood (fighting). Both clinical diseases are considered incurable. The new kitty should also be current on vaccinations for his protection.
3. When introducing a new pet into your home, a quarantine period is



Our featured staff member for this issue is Wendy Fisher, certified animal health technician. She earned a degree from Harcum College in her profession in 1988. Wendy owns four kitties and is pictured here with Willy, her beloved nine year old Siamese mix. Dr. Julie calls Wendy "The Cat Whisperer," as she has a special way with our feline patients. Her exceptional technical skills and 14 years of experience are great assets to our team. Wendy joined Vetcetera in July, 2001.

ideal. Establish an area where the new cat (or dog) can adjust to your home and be kept isolated to monitor for disease symptoms. This is critical until the veterinary check is performed. This isolation area should have a door that shuts, easy to clean floors and be absent of heavy foot traffic. Though it may seem long, a two week isolation period is ideal. Unfortunately, we have recently seen two cases where a new cat was brought into a multi-cat household without quarantine and was positive for feline leukemia virus, putting the other cats at serious risk. Transmission of skin diseases, parasites and upper respiratory viruses can also occur. Stress can compromise the new cat's immune system allowing infections to manifest.

4. During the introduction period, give both the new family member and resident members plenty of love and attention. Remember to wash your hands between handling sessions to avoid disease transmission.
5. Please call us to discuss any questions or concerns you have about introducing a new pet into your household. We now offer pre-pet counseling for dogs and cats. We can discuss how to choose your kitten (particularly what NOT to do), initial socialization, safe and appropriate play techniques, and how to avoid common behavioral pitfalls.

By taking a few simple precautions, you can ensure the health of your new addition, as well as protect the health of other pets and family members.



Pet Care Prayer Team News

Prayer and Biblical conversation occur at Vetcetera every Tuesday at 7:00 pm. All are welcome (including pets!)

A heartfelt thanks to all in our Vetcetera family who participated in the Angel Tree project during the past Christmas season. More than 20 children of prison inmates received gifts that brought the joy and hope of Christmas into their lives.

Angel Baby Ministries in Pottsville provides a safe, caring environment for pregnant women who need help. They are always in need of disposable diapers and other baby items. If you would like to participate in this ministry, you may drop off items at Vetcetera or deliver them directly to Angel Baby Ministries. Phone 570-624-7799 for details.

Thank you for caring and sharing.



by Ray Krammes, Vetcetera Chaplain

Spring is here. The dormancy of winter is giving way to vibrant new life. I marvel continuously at the genius of God's creation. I look forward to the day when, in the words of Isaiah, "the wolf and the lamb will feed together." We can already have a sense of that peaceful future every day as we interact with our pets. The intent of our Creator has always been to free His creation from dreariness and deterioration. We wait in hope, anticipating the day when "creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God." (Romans 8:21).





Ask Snoot

Q: Dear Snoot, Vetcetera recently began carrying

Revolution® for dogs and cats. How does Revolution® compare to Heartgard Plus® and Frontline Plus®?

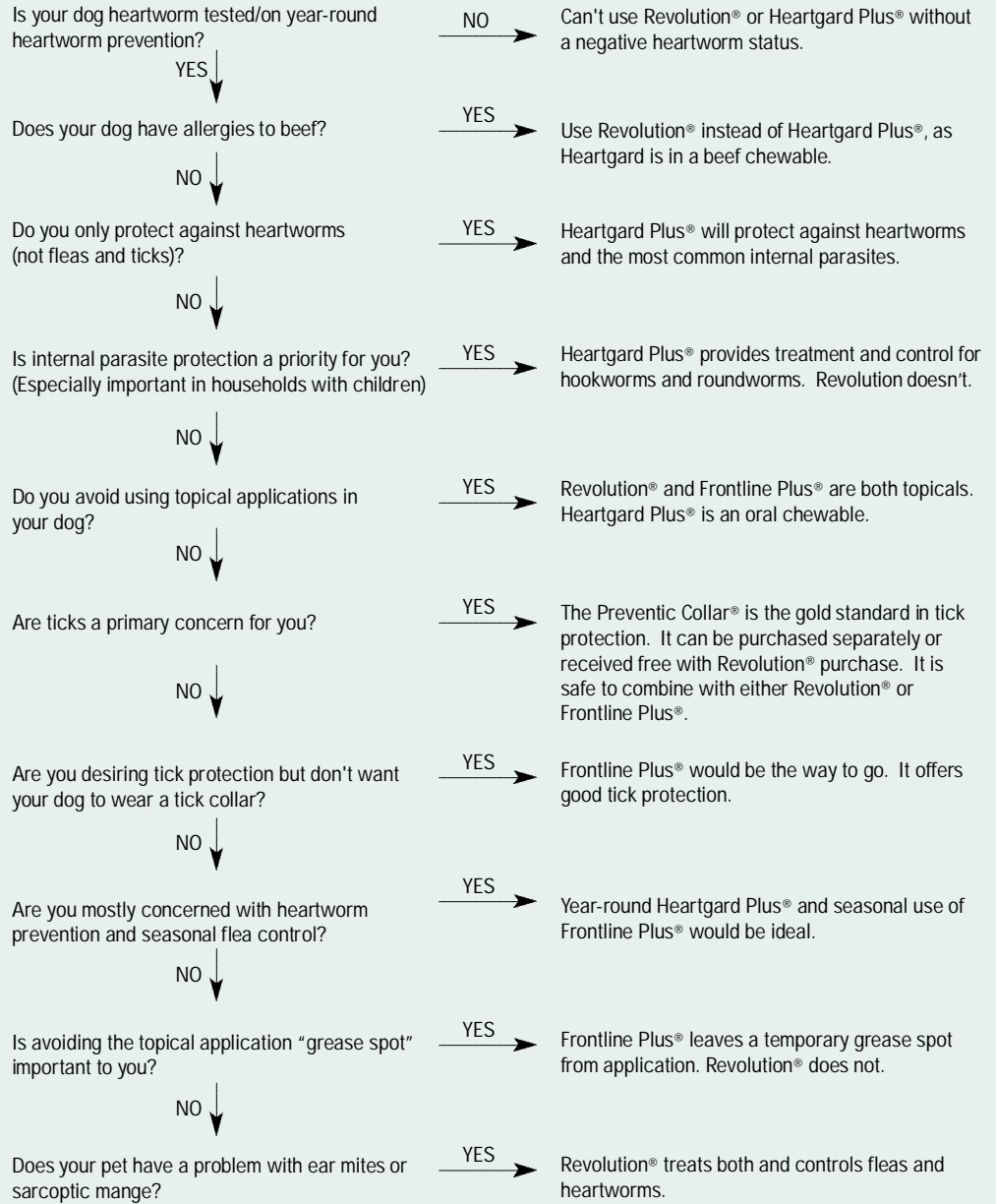
A: From vaccine protocols to pain management to heartworm prevention, we evaluate each individual pet's needs based on their environment and lifestyle. When Pfizer first introduced Revolution to the market it was only sold in six packs, was outrageously expensive and was not very efficacious against ticks. Recently the company lowered the cost, began selling three packs and started giving a free Preventic® collar with purchase. The Preventic® collar is the best tick control product on the market. Additionally, for each three month supply of Revolution® purchased, you will receive a one month vial free. The product is a medicine, not an insecticide, and is applied each month topically (like Frontline®). Absorbed into the bloodstream, it protects against heartworms, fleas, ear mites and sarcoptic mange. It would be used in place of the Heartgard Plus® and Frontline®.

We will continue to carry Heartgard Plus® and Frontline®, as these are great products with proven efficacy! Heartgard's main advantage is its oral "treat" administration and its notably better protection against hookworms and roundworms. This is especially important if children are in the home since internal parasites can be transmitted to humans through a fecal-oral route. We recommend year-round heartworm prevention.

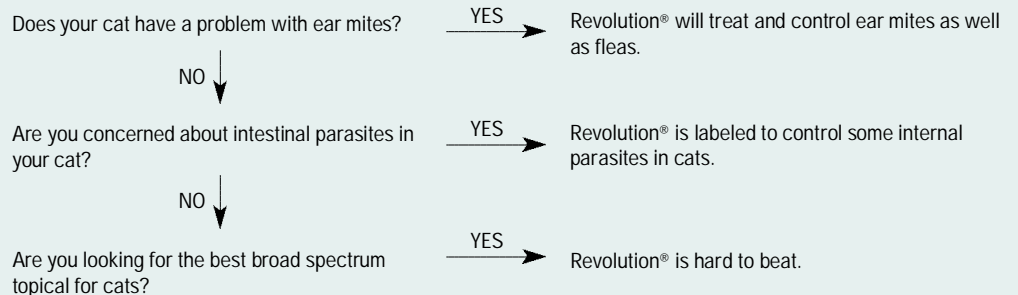
All three products have a satisfaction guarantee. Please consult the adjacent flowchart to determine the best product for your pet. Please call or stop by for further recommendations. Flea and tick season is upon us!



DOGS



CATS



Pet of the Quarter – Sarah Grace Hay

by Jan Engel, Receptionist

Ann and Woody Hay, holistic clients from Carlisle, contacted Vetcetera on the morning of January 14th about a new addition to the family. Ann explained that her daughter had learned of a puppy in an abusive situation and convinced her parents to adopt the puppy.

Sarah Grace's life had a traumatic beginning. She lived in a dark shed and was kept in a hamster cage for approximately four weeks. This environment combined with malnutrition caused her legs to become deformed. Ann's primary concern was the obvious deformity to the puppy's front legs and her subsequent inability to walk.

When Sarah was brought to our office later that day, she "walked" on her knees. She broke our hearts. Despite all she had been through, she constantly wiggled and wagged, affectionate and forgiving.

Dr. Julie gave her a thorough exam and radiographed her legs. This was

an unusual situation and we didn't know if she would ever walk normally. After contacting orthopedic specialists, we splinted her forelimbs. A carefully planned nutrition program also played an important part in recovery. Ann cooks for all her pets and fed Sarah a specially designed homemade diet. By the end of the week, there was already significant improvement. No doubt, what helped the most were a lot of prayers and tons of love.

The Hays credit their three year old yellow Lab, Jake, with much of Sarah's recovery. He planted himself by her side and wouldn't let the other dogs come near her when she was the most vulnerable. He also took it upon himself to give her daily physical therapy. He would stand over her as she lay on her back, reaching her paws up in play. They would do this exercise many times during the day. It seemed to be a vital part of her rehabilitation. Now she is running and playing with her brothers and sisters as if nothing



Sarah Grace, before

ever happened. She zooms around the house like a rocket. Her legs have straightened out and she is now a growing mischievous puppy! She still looks forward to Ann giving her a massage before bed.

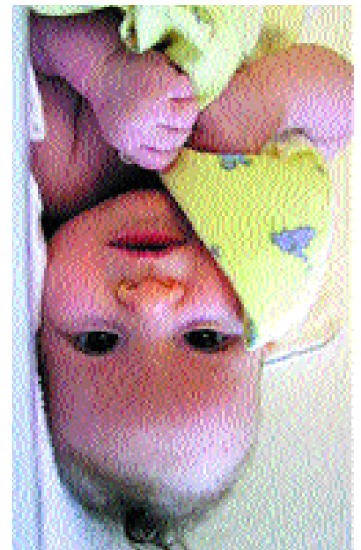
We are blessed to have clients like the Hays and patients like Sarah Grace. We celebrate her miraculous recovery and look forward to watching her grow up!



Sarah Grace, after

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Abigail Grace Snyder says, "Thank you all for the warm wishes, prayers, cards and gifts. I am now five months old. I enjoy daily visits to the clinic and look forward to meeting you."



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