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SICK AS A DOG

The CDC and state health regulatory agencies have recently been very concerned about the incidence of human influenza virus infection worldwide. They have even called the H1N1 Influenza outbreak a pandemic. Vaccinations given to at-risk populations have long been advocated for the prevention and control of the spread of the flu virus in humans.

Canine Influenza Virus (H3N8) was first recognized in Florida in March 2003. Since that time it has spread to 30 states, and is currently causing outbreaks in many large cities. Other than dogs that have already had canine influenza and recovered, virtually all dogs exposed to the virus will become infected and 10-20% of them may have a severe form. Up to 8% of clinically ill dogs may die from complications. CIV is easily transmitted by direct contact, cough or sneeze, or via contaminated surfaces.

Diagnosis of CIV is difficult as it is only one of the potential infectious organisms in the canine respiratory disease complex (CRDC). The clinical course of canine influenza complicates diagnosis and infection control. The development of the **Canine Influenza Vaccine (H3N8) by Intervet** now allows for effective control of this potentially deadly disease.

The vaccine reduces the opportunity for CIV to infect other dogs. It reduces the shedding of virus and is highly effective in decreasing the clinical signs of CIV infection and protecting the lungs. The vaccine has been proven safe and efficacious in a study of 746 dogs of a wide range of ages.

The vaccine manufacturer and internal medicine specialists recommend that dogs at risk be vaccinated. Dogs that are taken to venues where multiple dogs interact or socialize should be considered for vaccination. Examples of these areas include veterinary clinics, shelters, kennels, boarding facilities, pet stores, adoption groups, doggie daycares, breeding facilities, and dog shows. If you have questions about vaccinating your dog please call CCAH and discuss your individual situation with our doctors or team members. We now have a special offer to encourage vaccination if indicated for your canine companion

TOTAL PARASITE PROTECTION FOR YOUR PET

**20% OFF 12-MONTH SUPPLY
OR**

**10% OFF 6-MONTH SUPPLY OF ANY PARASITE
PREVENTATIVE PRODUCT WHEN PURCHASED AT
THE TIME OF THE ANNUAL EXAM
MAY BE COMBINED WITH ANY MANUFACTURER'S
REBATES OR INCENTIVES
OFFER EXPIRES 12-31-10**

BOARDING BUNDLE COUPON

**10% OFF
BOARDING STAY OF 4 DAYS OF MORE
WHEN YOU CHOOSE EITHER
THE TLC OR
GROUP PLAY BUNDLE
OFFER EXPIRES 2-28-10**

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THE BEARDED DRAGONS?

No, aliens have not abducted *Sydney* and *Adelaide*, nor have they taken a sabbatical to their native Australia. The bearded dragons that you have gotten to know and love over the past 5 years have now been placed in a new home with one of our veterinary nurses. We hope that the new space and enhancements in our waiting room have improved your comfort during your visits to CCAH. Be comforted that we have arranged for the continuing care of our reptile friends.

A NEW BOARDING EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR COMPANION

The healthcare team at CCAH has developed a new boarding experience for your canine or feline friend. We have combined the best features already available at CCAH with some new creative additions for your pet's comfort and enjoyment. Two new bundles have been created for an enhanced boarding experience.

The **Group Play Bundle** for dogs includes organized interaction with others, a special frozen treat, and a boarding bath at the end of their stay. The supervised group plays outside for 2 hours mid-day, weather permitting, in our fenced play yard. Dogs are placed in age and size appropriate playgroups. A staff member examines each dog for obvious signs of infectious disease and evaluates social interactions with other group members before being admitted to the group. **Frosty Paws** frozen treats are given as a special treat on the last day of your dog's stay. Pets with special dietary needs may have other treat substitutions as dictated by their specific needs. A boarding bath is performed at no additional charge at the end of the stay so that your pet will be fresh and clean for their trip home.

The **TLC Bundle** includes one-on-one time between your cat or dog and a CCAH team member. This bundle also includes a special treat and a boarding bath for your canine companion.

FREE HAY FOR YOUR SMALL MAMMAL

**RECEIVE AN AMERICAN PET DINER
10 OZ. TIMOTHY GOLD HAY MINI-BALE
FREE WITH YOUR PET'S
ANNUAL EXAM
OFFER GOOD WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
OR UNTIL 12-31-10**

CANINE FLU OFFER

**PROTECT YOUR CANINE COMPANION
WITH THE H3N8 VACCINE PACKAGE
\$20.00 FOR EACH VACCINE WITH NO EXAM FEE
REQUIRES SERIES OF 2 VACCINES 2-4 WEEKS
APART TO ACHIEVE PROTECTION
DOES NOT APPLY TO H3N8 VACCINES GIVEN AT THE
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INSULIN ADVISORY FOR DIABETIC PETS

Recent events have affected the availability of veterinary insulins in the U.S. market. If your dog or cat is currently using *PZI Vet* or *Vetsulin* insulin, please take note of the following changes regarding your pet's medications.

The FDA has alerted veterinarians that *Vetsulin* may have varying amounts of crystalline zinc insulin in the formulation. This could cause a delay in insulin action and an overall longer duration of insulin activity. Unstable insulins can result in unpredictable fluctuations in the glucose levels of diabetic patients. A variety of signs may be seen if the blood glucose is too high (hyperglycemia) or too low (hypoglycemia). The classic signs of hyperglycemia include increased thirst, increased urination, weight loss and lethargy. Signs of hypoglycemia, on the other hand, may include disorientation, unsteadiness, weakness, lethargy, and seizures.

The other insulin concern relates to the availability of *PZI Vet* insulin, primarily used in feline diabetes. Idexx, the manufacturer of *PZI Vet* beef-pork insulin, has discontinued its production. Newer generation human and veterinary insulin preparations are produced by recombinant technology. *Pro-Zinc* by *Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica* is now produced as a replacement for *PZI Vet*. Transitioning to a new insulin product may require adjustments to the dosage or frequency of administration.

If your pet is currently using *Vetsulin* or *PZI Vet*, you will soon be contacted regarding your pet's specific needs. If you have questions regarding these issues, please contact your veterinarian at CCAH.

MORITZ FAMILY NEWS

“The Eagle has landed!” Will, 16 years, has accomplished his goal of achieving the Eagle Scout Award with Boy Scout Troop 313 of Des Peres. His Eagle Scout Project was to abate a soil erosion problem on a piece of property shared by *The Magic House*, *St. Louis Children's Museum*, and the Kirkwood School District. He coordinated efforts by various community service groups, landscaping companies, and dozens of volunteers, to complete the project. The same week that he was awarded Eagle, Will took his driver's test and got his license. This was a big week for him! We are all very proud of his accomplishments and expect great things from him in the future.

Katie, 19 years, continues her successful college career at Mizzou as a Journalism major. In addition to her scholastic duties, she is also an assistant editor of *The Maneater*, the school newspaper of the University of Missouri-Columbia. She plans to pursue an area of concentration in magazine journalism. Katie is currently considering some form of foreign service after graduation and is currently completing her first semester of Arabic foreign language.

Timmy, 11 years, is active in soccer, basketball, lacrosse, and Cub Scouts. His true love is “Legos”, but has real interests in science and history as well. At this

point in time, Timmy wants to be a marine biologist, but is also considering a career in veterinary medicine. We will have to wait and see.

Our three dogs Camden, Mallory, and Kenny are doing well and love going to “*Mid-Day Group Play*” at the clinic. They also love digging in our back yard and getting into mischief. Kenny is a terrier mix and leads the group in the digging and chewing departments. He is trying to keep the world safe from moles and mice. Unfortunately, as a result, he is also keeping the world safe from well-manicured lawns!

Happy holidays to all and best wishes for a safe and prosperous New Year!

THE GLAESER GAZETTE

Not much has changed in the Glaeser household over the past year. Katie and Sherry are still gaining the prerequisites for nursing school and both hope to apply soon. Emily and Abbey have just finished their volleyball seasons. They each had successful seasons and each of their teams reached post-season play. Although Emily's season was cut short by a broken thumb, her Visitation CYC team finished second in a hard fought battle against St. Paul's Fenton for her region. Abbey has now started basketball and has taken a hiatus from her karate black belt aspirations. Steven continues to try to finish household projects that seem never-ending.

The biggest change in the household relates to the furry family members. After having a transient course of diabetes, Sam, our 14-year-old feline patriarch was diagnosed with hyperthyroidism and pancreatitis. He has improved significantly with dietary and medical therapy but still struggles to maintain his weight.

Katie brought a new kitten into the fold, Max, who is now one year old. Since joining the household, he has gained many nicknames. “Max Cat” and “Fatty” are the most commonly used affectionate terms. His propensity to eat has made it difficult to keep the weight on Sam, his geriatric companion. I now have great sympathy for those with cats of differing weights and appetites within the same household.

Hazel, our 4-year-old feline has also been adapting to her new companion. All three cats have finally accepted our one-year-old rambunctious chocolate lab puppy, Ella. After hiding for many months, they seemingly have reconciled their differences and now live in relative harmony.

The Glaesers wish you and your family members a healthy and blessed holiday season and a happy 2010.

KEMP'S KORNER

Mike (my fiancé) and I have had an enjoyable year. Of course, work keeps us both very busy. Mike works for the architecture firm *HOK*. Their latest project is designing a new headquarters complex for *Conoco-Phillips*. The new headquarters will be located close to Boulder, Colorado. The campus will contain research laboratories, a conference center, and lodging and management buildings.



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KEMP'S KORNER (CONT'D)

Mike has traveled out to Colorado for several meetings. Even though the travel is work-related, he never gets tired of seeing the mountains in the distance.

I attended the Central Veterinary Conference in San Diego, California the beginning of November 2009. It was a wonderful conference with many informative lectures. I attended lectures focusing on canine and feline medicine and brushed up my knowledge in the areas of diabetes management, kidney failure, corneal ulcers, CPR (cardio-pulmonary cerebral resuscitation, the new form of CPR) and feline constipation.

I spent a whole day at the San Diego Zoo and really enjoyed the different exhibits. I also visited the USS Midway, now a museum, on display in San Diego Bay. It was an amazing experience to be on the flight deck and below in the guts (hanger bay, the very cramped living quarters, cafeteria, etc) of an aircraft carrier.

Mike and I continue to work on our house. We did some much-needed painting and replaced the sink in our only bathroom. We had the front of the house tuck-pointed this past spring. Mike and I are planning on tuck-pointing one side of the house per year. Hopefully, some new, energy-efficient windows are also in our house's future. Mike and I wish everyone a happy and healthy 2010!

KRONK'S KRONICLES

I recently enjoyed spending a week with some good friends in beautiful Destin, Florida. We rented a condo on a private beach and experienced 7 days of perfect temperatures and clear skies. Red and purple flags were flying on the shore every day indicating rough surf and dangerous wildlife. However, our fun was not hampered by the (almost) painless jellyfish stings and was surely accentuated by the constant crashing of huge waves.

The Destin Seafood Festival provided plenty of opportunities for us to get our seafood fix; the shrimp was the best I've ever had. We spent our final evening listening to live music and enjoying fresh fruit drinks on the beach. Hard to imagine a more perfect vacation.