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News and Views

Max Kaplan Fund Many years ago, Max ran into lots of problems all at once it seemed. His family thought the world of Max, a great little Sheltie family member. They worked with Max for over a year and finally lost Max to complications from his kidney disease that lead to failure and his hormonal imbalances that did not allow for healing to occur. The lost of Max to his family and to our staff was difficult to comprehend due to the magnitude of his love for many people.

Max and his memory live on in our environment due to his family's generosity to all of us. They were able to financially see Max through thick and thin in his yearlong battle to keep the quality of his life where everyone wanted it to be. Not all of us are able to either financially help our pets as much as we want or have pet insurance that covers all the conditions our pets seem to discover as age catches up with them.

The Kaplan family started a fund to be used at this hospital to aid families with a financial pet crisis. They initiated the fund with \$2,500. Over the years may thousands of dollars have been left in the fund that has been used to help clients' pets maintain their health. A small donation box is in our reception area for your generous gift to help pets.



A recent example was a motorcycle rider saw a kitten hit by a car that left the scene of the accident without stopping. The biker brought the stray kitten to us for first aid, pain relief and comfort as many tried to find the kitten's owner. The biker paid for half of the costs involved and the fund paid for the remainder. Many more stories we will share over the next few months. Feel free to help all pets by adding to the fund at any time.



#1 Punky,
Trying to buy school supplies
& save our home from
foreclosure
tell things get better
+ hope this helps
Love
Jean



From Idexx
Lab.



Acupuncture Case of the Month

Acupuncture, long used throughout Asia as a primary form of treatment for many ailments, is quickly gaining popularity in the United States for use in both humans and companion animals. Acupuncture involves the placement of small (generally painless) needles into specific points along the body that have been shown to decrease pain and to help manage or prevent multiple disease processes.

Several of our patients with severe degenerative arthritis have been on multiple pain medications and joint supplements without relief. "Margo", a geriatric shepherd mix, came to us with severe arthritis in her hips, elbows, and stifles (knees). Even on non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, opioids, and joint supplements, she still had great difficulty walking. We initiated weekly acupuncture treatments over a course of six weeks designed to decrease pain and improve mobility. After several treatments, Margo's owners reported marked improvement in both her mobility and her overall quality of life. One year after the initial course of treatment, Margo continues to show decreased clinical signs of arthritis and we have been able to lower her doses of oral medications with monthly acupuncture maintenance sessions.

While each patient's response will vary, Margo's experience is not unusual and demonstrates the therapeutic value of acupuncture for pain and inflammatory disease. Conditions, that can benefit from this low-risk complementary therapy, range from recurrent disc disease and neurological disorders to allergies and anxiety. As with all types of treatment, acupuncture is not a "magic bullet", but our trained staff is available to discuss with you the potential benefits for your pet's condition. We encourage our clients to consider acupuncture therapy as a way to keep your pet healthy and happy in all stages of life. Dr. Monahan is our certified veterinary acupuncturist at Centreville Animal Hospital.

EPA Orders 'Stop Sale' of Illegal Flea and Tick Products

SAN FRANCISCO - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has ordered distributors and retailers in California and Hawaii to stop selling counterfeit Advantage and Frontline products for control of fleas and ticks on dogs and cats allegedly sold by Pang & Son, a company in Honolulu, and is warning retailers and consumers against purchasing any counterfeit pesticide products.

The EPA is continuing its investigation of other potential counterfeit and illegal products on the market being sold through other distributors and retailers. The EPA has alerted Bayer Corp. and Merial Ltd., makers of Frontline and Advantage, regarding the flood of counterfeit products



currently on the market.

"Without proper pesticide registration, we just don't know what is being sold," said Pam Cooper, the EPA's pesticide section chief for the Pacific Southwest region. "Consumers want to be assured that the product they purchase will be effective and meets U.S. product guidelines."

The counterfeit pesticides appear to have been unlawfully imported and packaged in retail cartons designed to look similar to legitimately registered pesticides sold in the United States. The EPA's investigation indicates that the counterfeit products have been sold to distributors and retailers throughout the country.

The counterfeit products have outer retail cartons that are made to resemble U.S. EPA registered pesticides. Inside the cartons are applicators labeled and packaged for overseas markets. In some cases, the pesticide applicators may not have the proper child-resistant packaging, or the accompanying instructional leaflet required by the agency is missing. In addition, the consumer cannot be assured that the pesticide dosage is correct for the animal described on the retail carton. Pet owners who are concerned about their animals should contact their veterinarian

The counterfeit products may be different from legitimate Advantage and Frontline products in several ways. EPA has posted detailed information, including photos of legitimate products, at:

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/petproduct.htm> .

The EPA regulates all pesticides used in the United States. Before a pesticide can be marketed in this country the agency performs a rigorous scientific review to ensure that use of the product is not likely to cause harmful effects on people, pets or the environment. Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, the EPA requires pesticide products to contain instructions for proper use, safety precautions to follow and directions for proper disposal of unused products and their containers.

Legitimate Advantage and Frontline products that have undergone the EPA's comprehensive review process are registered for use in the United States, and are not affected by this action. Because the counterfeit pesticides do not conform with established safeguards, the Agency has issued "Stop Sale" orders on the counterfeit products in question. Extensive additional information is available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/petproduct.htm>. (www.epa.gov)

HUMAN ANIMAL BOND A survey of 12,000 women in 21 countries conducted by Boston Consulting Group found that pets were by far the most common answer to a question asking what makes them extremely happy;



42% of the women surveyed said that their pets make them "extremely happy." Other responses included sex (27%), food (19%), and shopping (5%). (*Chicago Tribune*)

A Thank Note Greatly Appreciated To Dr. Sara Monahan & staff who assisted "Petie-Boy"(a 21 lb. male cat - Dx with upper respiratory) we wanted to say Thank You for helping Petie-Boy feel better today. Although he was very scared & anxious during our appt. today, he behaved much better than we expected; and especially after we got him home, he bounced-back to his "regular happy self" much, much sooner than we expected, as well. He hasn't hardly sneezed at all this afternoon since the antibiotic-shot, and he seems to be feeling so much better just from not having to sneeze all the time... so thanks to everyone who has helped be "good cat-parents" to both our little old female cat, J.R. & her buddy, Petie-Boy. Sincerely, The Mitchells Centreville, VA :)

US - PET LEGISLATION A bill has been introduced in the US House establishing the "Humanity and Pets Partnered Through the Years Act (HAPPY)." HAPPY would allow for individuals to enjoy tax deductions of up to \$3,500 for pet care expenses. Qualified pet care expenses are defined as "amounts paid in connection with providing care (including veterinary care) for a qualified pet other than any expense in connection with the acquisition of the qualified pet." (*APPA e-update*)

PET INTELLIGENCE A recent study found that the average dog has the mental abilities of a 2-year-old child. The finding is based on a language development test, revealing average dogs can learn 165 words (similar to a 2-year-old child), including signals and gestures, and dogs in the top 20% in intelligence can learn 250 words. In addition, they would trump a 3- or 4-year-old in basic arithmetic; and in terms of social smarts, the social life of dogs is much more complex, much more like human teenagers. (*Livescience.com*)

We welcome your comments and concerns because, in the end, we share a common goal: Happy and contented pets that are members of your family for a very long time.