



Warning - Mild Spring Wakes Up Fleas!



With a mild Spring/Summer on the way pet owners are being urged to treat their animals and homes to combat the emerging fleas and the problems

that they can cause.

As temperatures rise flea pupae which have been lying dormant outside in the cold winter months are roused. The newly emerged fleas need a source of food and a pet is a prime target, providing a living blood bank. 24 hours after the flea's first blood meal adult females start to lay eggs, which then drop off the animal into the environment including their bed and around the home.

Rachel Smithson, Veterinary Technical Manager at Merial Animal Health knows first hand the problems caused to pets when fleas are left untreated.

"The Met Office are predicting a mild May this year and as we know fleas love the mild weather. A flea's life cycle varies from 12 days to 12 months but is completed faster when the temperature is warmer, so a mild spring spells trouble providing the warm environment and a perfect catalyst for fleas to reproduce!"

"The key to beating them at this time of year is to kill the adult fleas before they lay eggs. To do this, owners should take their pets to their vet to be checked for any infestations and to receive the correct flea prevention advice and treatment. At the same time carpets and soft furnishings should be treated with a proprietary spray, to prevent re-infestation."

"Letting pets become infested with fleas can be damaging to the animal. The majority of all skin diseases suffered by cats and dogs are caused by ectoparasites including fleas. Up to 50% of vets consultations during the summer months are for flea related problems."

This Month's Feature Doggie



Randi

PapHaven has received a new furbaby named Randi, from another group that heard about the surgical success with Sugar. Randi will require corrective surgery on "both" front legs. It will take at least 10 months and mega \$\$\$s's. The same

Veterinary surgical group that saved Sugar will be doing the surgery for Randi and the same mother daughter-vet in training pair have agreed to foster once again.

It is unknown why or when Randi began to lose the normal formation of his front legs and feet. Our specialists suggested it could have been an injury, abuse, or unknown reasons. But at sometime his leg bones that attach to his feet began to "slide" down - to separate. Ligaments, muscles, and cartilage failed to hold the leg/foot joint in place. Now he walks entirely on the bottom of the leg bone with the little feet sorta sticking out flopping along flipper style.

According to the vet group, he has had this condition long enough to develop hard connective tissue pads due to the irritation from walking on the end of the leg bones. Like many animals, Randi has been able to cope with this disability with grace. According to the Specialist he is in pain, but has become desensitized to the level of pain he is experiencing. It is not known how this condition will progress, but it is expected that his arthritis will worsen and lead to more pain and further deformity and eventually a limitation of movement

Yet knowing that the cost will be substantial, PapHaven's members have elected to go forward and



will be doing mega fund raising once again to support the costs of these surgeries to give this guy a chance.

PapHaven is a small but caring rescue group whose members tirelessly and diligently work for the betterment and safety of it's rescues. Thanks again for your support.

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I expect to pass through this world but once . . .
Any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature,
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Etienne DeGrellet



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Ode to an Abused Dog

*Someone hurt you, hit you, beat you
would not give you food
The only water that you got
was from a muddy pool
And yet when help did finally come
though you were almost dead
You wagged your tail in greeting
and you tried to raise your head
What gave you strength or made you hope
what helped to see you through
The agonizing hunger
and loneliness you knew
Yet you forgave and took a chance
and graced us with your love
For us to know such spirit was
a gift from God above
-- author unknown*



Joys of Fostering



"When you bring a dog into your life, you begin a journey - a journey that will bring you more love and devotion than you have ever known, yet also test your strength and courage. If you allow, the journey will teach you many things, about life, about yourself, and most of all, about love. You will come away changed forever, for one soul cannot touch another without leaving its mark."

-- Crystal Ward Kent

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Did You Know???

Ten Most Common Poisonous Plants

Marijuana

Ingestion of *Cannabis sativa* by companion animals can result in depression of the central nervous system and incoordination, as well as vomiting, diarrhea, drooling, increased heart rate, and even seizures and coma.

Sago Palm

All parts of *Cycas Revoluta* are poisonous, but the seeds or "nuts" contain the largest amount of toxin. The ingestion of just one or two seeds can result in very serious effects, which include vomiting, diarrhea, depression, seizures and liver failure.

Tulip/Narcissus bulbs

The bulb portions of *Tulipa/Narcissus spp.* contain toxins that can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation, drooling, loss of appetite, depression of the central nervous system, convulsions and cardiac abnormalities.

Azalea/Rhododendron

Members of the *Rhododendron spp.* contain substances known as grayantoxins, which can produce vomiting, drooling, diarrhea, weakness and depression of the central nervous system in animals. Severe azalea poisoning could ultimately lead to coma and death from cardiovascular collapse.

Oleander

All parts of *Nerium oleander* are considered to be toxic, as they contain cardiac glycosides that have the potential to cause serious effects—including gastrointestinal tract irritation, abnormal heart function, hypothermia and even death.

Castor Bean

The poisonous principle in *Ricinus communis* is ricin, a highly toxic protein that can produce severe abdominal pain, drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst, weakness and loss of appetite. Severe cases of poisoning can result in dehydration, muscle twitching, tremors, seizures, coma and death.

Cyclamen

Cyclamen species contain cyclamine, but the highest concentration of this toxic component is typically located in the root portion of the plant. If consumed, *Cyclamen* can produce significant gastrointestinal irritation, including intense vomiting. Fatalities have also been reported in some cases

Kalanchoe

This plant contains components that can produce gastrointestinal irritation, as well as those that are toxic to the heart, and can seriously affect cardiac rhythm and rate.

Yew

Taxus spp. contains a toxic component known as taxine, which causes central nervous system effects such as trembling, incoordination, and difficulty breathing. It can also cause significant gastrointestinal irritation and cardiac failure, which can result in death.



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Health Alerts

Royal Canine Dog Food Alert

RC Urinary SO the affected products are canned only, and are limited to 4 varieties, with specific "best before" dates. One of these is a cat food. While the level of Vitamin D3 is high, perhaps not 3 times what it should be or told it was -- but high enough to cause concern, -- the error occurred in the processing of a vitamin supplier. These are being recalled.

Below is the letter that was sent to vet clinics that prescribe/sell the affected products. The food is available by prescription only, so vets were requested to contact clients who are feeding the food. Royal Canine asked that post the letter to our list, in order to provide accurate and complete information.

If you have any questions, please call Royal Canine's Consumer Affairs at (800) 592-6687, or your veterinarian.



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Introducing Papillon Haven Rescue Group

www.paphaven.org

This group came about through the love of a small deaf puppy that needed to be transported halfway across the country to her new home. It took the effort and dedication of people from Texas to Washington D.C. and on to Ohio. It took the cooperation of three other rescue groups. In the end, it took the hearts of every one. It is this good will and renewed faith in the goodness of people everywhere that has led us in forming Papillon Haven Rescue. We are a 501 c 3 non-profit organization, all volunteer National group specializing in Papillon's and Pap mixes and their rescue and rehabilitation.

Since then Papillon Haven Rescue (PapHaven) has grown dramatically and continues to grow and evolve to try to meet the changing needs of rescue and the on-going saga of Papillon's in need..... where ever they are.

We would like to invite you to join in our rescue efforts. With hands reaching out across the country, we can form a circle of love and caring that refuses to let even one Papillon in need fall though the cracks. We are not in competition with any other rescue groups. In fact, it is our goal to work hand in hand with every rescue group and shelter that will join us in this effort. We will not ask for perfect lineage, looks or origins. We will coordinate with other groups for transporting each other's breed.

We welcome volunteers, sponsors, contributors, interested folk and especially kind words.

Our Newsletter will try to bring informative articles, up-coming events, announcements, feature stories and Urgent Alerts about situations where the need for rescue is great.

Contact Papillon Haven Rescue Group



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