

**November 2011****Say no to table scraps this Thanksgiving**

Giving people food to your pet can cause pancreatitis, vomiting, diarrhea, etc. Resist the urge to feed Fido your leftover turkey or sweet potato casserole and save him the stomach aches.

**Play nice!**

If you take your dog or cat with you to visit the family for the holidays, consider putting the animals in separate rooms to keep the peace. Supervise play and feeding times, making sure your pet eats his own food.

Cat Attract Litter Additive

Dr. Elsey's Cat Attract Litter Additive contains a scent that naturally attracts kittens and cats to use the litter box. It was created through years of observing and testing cats in shelters and Dr. Elsey's clinic. Industry statistics show that non-use of the litter box is the number one behavioral reason cats are abandoned, abused, and placed in animal shelters. Designed for cats who are not using their litter boxes, Cat Attract is the first litter additive to specifically address this problem and provide a clinically tested and consumer proven solution. *****Urinating outside the litter box can also be a sign of a urinary tract infection. To rule out infection, your cat should be examined and a urinalysis performed. If no abnormalities are found, Cat Attract may be very helpful!*****

**Is your older dog slowing down? Reluctant to climb stairs or run, jump and play?**

Ask us about beginning Adequan injections for your dog....

Adequan® Canine (polysulfated glycosaminoglycan) is administered two times a week for four weeks, then once monthly for maintaining joint health. The drug is injected intramuscularly to ensure it reaches the critical parts of the joint. It goes to work in the joint in about two hours and stays in the joint for about three days. With Adequan® Canine you should see signs of improvement within four weeks. Your dog may begin to act like the playful, active dog you remember.

Numerous studies show that Adequan® Canine (polysulfated glycosaminoglycan) can slow the cartilage from breaking down and actually supports the repair process. And unlike nutritional supplements, Adequan® Canine is FDA-approved* so you can be assured of its effectiveness.

Lyme disease vaccination recommendations

Vaccinate in endemic areas? Yes—To prevent infection from ticks. What defines an endemic area? That is a good question. Thorough screening the prevalence should be determined in each practice. In an area with high prevalence (>20%) it may be logical to vaccinate all dogs. In an area with less prevalence possibly identifying dogs at increased risk is the wise way to do it. This should be in addition to good tick control! Vaccinate Lyme negative dogs? Yes. Vaccinate positive dogs? Yes—To prevent reinfection from the tick as the immune system may or may not be able to prevent active disease even if the dog is Lyme positive. How often to vaccinate? Annually at this time with the currently available vaccines. Even in vaccinated dogs tick control must be stressed to the owners since a very heavy Lyme burden may override vaccine protection.



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**For more information on Lyme disease go to www.petplace.com.

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