

Paws for Danes



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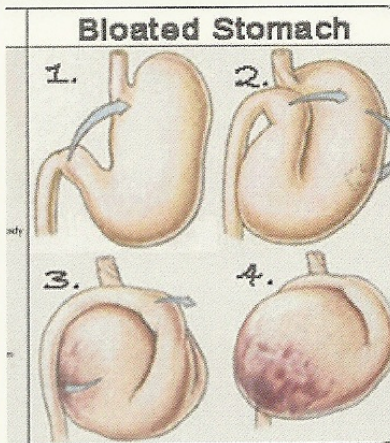
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Recognizing Bloat

RECOGNIZING BLOAT



Know The Signs & Have a Plan
Links for Bloat Information: <http://ginnie.com/bloat.htm>

Prompt emergency action is necessary!

| Quick Reference Guide For GDV BLOAT | | | Vet's Emergency Telephone Number... | |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| | What Is Happening | What The Dog Does | What You Should Do | Treatment |
| Stress >>>> Excitement >>>> Vigorous Exercise >>>> Large Meals >>>> Long Drink >>>> Swallowed Air >>>> Familial Tendency >>>> | Stomach function is normal. Gas accumulates in the stomach but the stomach does not empty as it should. | Dog behaves as usual. Seems slightly uncomfortable. | Keep the dog quiet; Do not leave the dog alone; Give Antacid if your vet agrees. Be aware of Phase I symptoms. | During this period the dog may recover without going on to develop Gastric Volvulus. |
| PHASE I GDV | Stomach starts to dilate. (Gastric Dilatation) Stomach twists. (Gastric Volvulus) | Anxious, restless, pacing; Trying to vomit-may bring up stiff white foam but no food; Salivating; Abdomen may be swollen. | Call your vet, tell him what you suspect and why. Take the dog to the vet without further delay. | During this period the dog may recover if your vet releases the pressure with a stomach tube. |
| PHASE II GDV | Blood supply to part of stomach is cut off. Stomach tissue is damaged. Portal vein, vena cava and splenic vein become compressed and twisted. Spleen becomes engorged. Shock begins to develop | Very restless; whining & panting; Salivating copiously; Tries to vomit every 2-3 min; Stands with legs apart & head hanging down; Abdomen swollen & sounds hollow if tapped; Gums dark red; Heart rate 80-100 beats / min; Temperature raised (104°F) | Get someone to tell your vet you are on your way and why. Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible. | During this period the vet will need to relieve the stomach pressure, start an intravenous drip and perform surgery to untwist the stomach. |
| PHASE III GDV | Spleen and stomach tissue become Necrotic. Shock now very severe. Heart failure develops. Shock now irreversible. Death | Unable to stand or stands shakily with legs apart; Abdomen very swollen; Breathing shallow; Gums white or blue; Heart rate over 100 beats / minute; Pulse very weak; Temperature drops (98°F) | Death is imminent. Get someone to tell your vet you are on your way and why. Take the dog to the vet as quickly as possible. | As well as doing everything above, the vet will need to remove part of the stomach and the spleen. He will also need to use powerful drugs to counteract shock. It is no longer possible to save the dog's life. |

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Veterinary Transplant Services Donor Program

When faced with the loss of your pet, consider the renewed health other animals may gain through tissue donation.

Advances in medical technology have allowed transplanted tissues to restore many animals to good health. Your choice to donate helps make this possible.

Great strides have been made in organ and tissue transplant for animals. Grafts help treat a variety of disorders. Fractured or diseased bones can be mended and limbs spared from amputation. Deformed or degenerative joints can be repaired and blindness for some pets can be prevented. Loose teeth can be saved rather than pulled.

Find comfort in knowing that many pets can benefit through your decision to participate in our donor program. Talk with your veterinarian and family.

Donors are young to middle-age pets who have passed away but were vaccinated and in generally good health. Your veterinarian will evaluate your pet's health history and discuss donor criteria in more detail with you.

We work with various clinics and rescue groups throughout Washington state and Northern Oregon. To authorize tissue donation you must sign a consent form. Please know that when your pet is placed in the care of Veterinary Transplant Services it is treated at all times with care and respect. Tissues are recovered only after the time of death so there is no discomfort

Canine Influenza Expert Calls for Better Border Protection

Zoetis: H3N2 vaccine in the pipeline

April 21, 2015

By: Jennifer Fiala; Phyllis DeGioia

For The VIN News Service

As the H3N2 strain of canine influenza circulates beyond Chicago, Illinois and spreads to other Midwestern states — Wisconsin and Indiana among them — one expert says it isn't the virus' endurance or speed that's significant.

It's the fact that it crossed the U.S. border.

"We have absolutely, without a shadow of a doubt, proof that a foreign animal disease has been imported into the U.S.," Dr. Ed Dubovi said. "I don't think anyone can look at this situation and say we're protecting our animal population the best we can."

An estimated 1,300 dogs have been afflicted. The virus is blamed for at least six canine deaths.

Dubovi, a Cornell University professor with a master's degree in virology and doctorate in microbiology, is one of the nation's leading experts on canine influenza. It was at Cornell's Animal Health Diagnostic Center, which Dubovi directs, that the first influenza virus known to infect dogs was isolated, in 2004. The pathogen was an influenza A virus subtype H3N8, a different strain from the one now circulating in the Midwest. The diagnostic discovery stemmed from research conducted at the University of Florida on a novel respiratory disease that had felled racing greyhounds.

or pain. If you wish to have a private cremation for your pet, VTS can arrange for this service and ensure the ashes are returned to you.

See how the circle of Pets Helping Pets unfolds, click [here](#).

Please call toll-free, 1-800-558-5223, to speak to a VTS representative about your donation.

Upcoming Dane Outreach Event

YOU'RE INVITED!

What: Dane Outreach Education Booth at Auburn's Petpalooza

Where: Game Farm Park, 3030 R Street SE, Auburn, WA 98002

When: Saturday, May 16th | 9:30am - 5:00pm

You won't want to miss us at Auburn's Petpalooza! This special event is designed especially for pet lovers and features a day full of animal-related fun, food, live entertainment, over 160 vendors, and of course, Great Danes!

Dane Outreach will be attending again this year with our always fun Education Booth. Dane experienced volunteers will be there to answer your questions about our paradoxically noble and goofy breed. If you're new to ownership, are thinking about adding a Great Dane to your family, have questions about your current Dane, or would simply like to meet this giant breed in person, we'd love to see you! Stop by, pick up a pamphlet or two, and try your hand at dodging slobbery kisses before exploring the rest the event has to offer.

Auburn's Petpalooza kicks off with a Dog Trot Fun Run at 9:30 a.m. and the event officially opens at 10 am. Demonstrations and activities include the Skyhoundz Disc Dog Championships, Seattle Flydogs demos, an agility course, and pony and camel rides (offered for a fee). Enjoy the petting zoo and live entertainment stage, eat at the food court, participate in the "Unleashed" Pet Contest, watch the pet adoption showcase, and delight in animal related shows featuring reptiles, parrots and more.

Complete event information, driving directions,

H3N8 has since spread across the United States much like flu viruses in humans — via direct contact with infected aerosolized respiratory secretions and contaminated objects.

H3N2 is traveling much the same way. According to Dubovi, the virus is closely related on a molecular level to strains that are circulating in Chinese and South Korean dog populations. H3N2 canine flu emerged in that region in the mid-2000s. Like dogs, cats are susceptible. There is no evidence that this particular H3N2 subtype can be transmitted to humans (though other strains do infect humans).

Dubovi said he's had an eye on H3N2 since 2008, when he read about it in scientific literature out of South Korea. The virus, he suspects, might have been imported via an infected dog from Asia.

"My concern all along was that someday this virus might make its way here," he said. "We don't know how it happened, but it certainly could have come from a dog or a cat. There are multiple international groups who are rescuing dogs from the meat market in Korea and shipping them into the U.S., and we have sketchy quarantine requirements if any at all. Restrictions on the movements of companion animals across borders are somewhat nonexistent."

The United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) strictly govern the movements of food-producing animals. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is charged with overseeing the importation of most dogs, cats, birds and several other species.

Dog importation rules appear to be focused on preventing the admission of dogs potentially infected with rabies or screwworm only.

parking information and more is available at:
<http://www.auburnwa.gov/petpalooza>.

We hope to see you there!

Please check our Facebook page and our [Education Events](#) page on our website periodically as we update our events calendar. Come visit us, ask us questions, and meet a Dane!

How You Can Help

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If you are shopping on Amazon.com, please use the smile.amazon.com site. A portion of your eligible purchases are donated to Dane Outreach. Go to <http://www.daneoutreach.org/help/> to find out how.

USDA calls for the additional screening of collies, shepherds and other dogs used to herd livestock, sometimes quarantining the canines until they're declared free from tapeworms.

Regulatory officials from either agency did not respond to inquiries about whether tighter importation rules might have kept H3N2 at bay.

"I'm sure USDA and everybody will say, 'No, we do a good job protecting the country,' " Dubovi said. "But how do you explain how it got here? It didn't fly over on a bird. This virus is highly adapted to dogs, even if it has an avian origin."

H3N2 is a hodgepodge of various flu strains, borrowing sequences from others, with its closest linkage to avian influenza found in Asia. "Flu does recombine, and it recombines in a lot of different formats," Dubovi explained.

He describes H3N2 as a "bit more pathogenic" than H3N8, noting that, "obviously the Chicago outbreak caught us all a little flat-footed."

The virus' hallmark is its scope and rapid spread. "If you have a kennel with 100 dogs and 50 are sick, you can bet this is canine flu," he said.

He added, "No other pathogen travels that explosively in a group of dogs."

Front lines...

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