



Pet Gazette **...Spring 2014**

New Shelter Update

Within the last few months tremendous headway has been made towards our new shelter. We have

received our temporary occupancy permit and are utilizing all available methods of completing work as quickly and efficiently as possible. Within the next few weeks construction of the interior will be finished.



CNC Construction has been absolutely amazing in meeting all our needs. The fire alarm and security

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Revised Shelter Hours

1 - 6 Wed. & Fri.
1 - 5 Tues. Thurs., Sat. and Sun.
Closed: Monday & Holidays

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What is Bloat?

Information that could save your dog's life

By Camille Morris

Dog parents usually know the basics: food, exercise, vaccinations, obedience, major medical emergencies, and toys. It can take a lifetime to master the perfect balance, and we are constantly learning new information as well as more efficient ways of doing things.

Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus (GDV), more commonly known as "bloat", is a very serious medical emergency that dog parents may not be fully aware until it happens to their dog. That lack of knowledge can literally cost the life of their beloved dog. Bloat is the number two killer of dogs, second only to cancer. Bloat is the number one killer of large breed dogs.

In this condition, the dog's stomach becomes dilated with gas, fluid, or foam and twists on itself, blocking off blood flow to the stomach and preventing the stomach from emptying. This results in further buildup of gas and initiates a vicious cycle. Bloat begins with the stomach, but as time goes by, it suffocates other organs of the much-needed oxygenated blood supply rendering those vital organs essentially dead. Time is critical in dogs suspected of bloat. Approximately 25-40% of dogs do not survive bloat even when they are diagnosed properly and quickly.

Purdue University of Veterinary Medicine has done the most extensive research on what causes bloat in dogs. Although this can happen to any dog, they found large dogs

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Bloat: A Serious Medical Emergency

with a deep chest and a small waist are more prone. There are some indications that a deep, narrow chest is a higher risk than a deep, wide chest. Whether purebred or mix, any dog with these characteristics should be watched for signs of bloat.

Stress, eating habits (one large meal per day versus several small meals), exercise before and directly after eating, heredity, and malnourishment can also contribute to bloat. It is absolutely essential to understand the symptoms of bloat.

First and foremost, dog parents need to know their dog and know when he/she is not acting "right". Symptoms include: attempts to vomit (usually unsuccessfully), unusual behavior, significant anxiety & restlessness, shortness of breath, cold temperature, "hunched up" appearance, lack of normal gurgling & digestive noises, bloated abdomen that feels tight like a drum, whining & pacing, pale or off-color gums, heavy salivation, hiding, weak pulse, shallow breathing, foamy mucus around the lips, general weakness, a spread-legged stance, and collapse are major signs to be on the lookout.

If your dog experiences some of these signs, rush him/her to the veterinarian **immediately**. Accompanying this article is a quick reference guide for bloat; knowledge can save your dog's life.

Keep doing all the wonderful things you do for your beloved dog, but please, educate yourself on the silent killer that is bloat. Lack of knowledge can cost time that your dog cannot afford to waste. Many dogs that are predisposed to bloat based on physical stature may well need a preventative surgery so that bloat is no longer an issue. Speak with your veterinarian about bloat before it is too late.

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 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.	

* chart from www.naturalpethealthfoods.com

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Shelter Progress

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system has been completed by Dynamark. The painting is complete. The SCI paint crew did a terrific job. We will be moving the furniture and cat cages into place within the next month. Although we may have to temporarily use existing kennels, we eventually want to get the new dog kennels and glass-fronted cat condos that the shelter was designed to feature.



With the temporary occupancy permit we are hoping to be working out of the new shelter within the next few months. Large amounts of money are still needed to purchase new dog kennels, the cat condos and cover costs of paving the parking lot. Even though some who have pledged money towards our cause are being hesitant to deliver, we are working in a determined fashion to see this project through to completion by the end of this year and get the animals moved to a cleaner more sanitary environment as quickly as possible. Thank you all for your continued support!



Princess Latea Witmer

May 5, 2000 - July 22, 2013

I had a life filled with lots of love, carrots and walks

When I was found wondering the rural area of Brush Valley alone and scared, I was hoping someone would find me and give me a loving home.

As soon as I saw that friendly face of Jim Pedersen I was running toward him like a bowling ball. I knew in my heart that he would be able to help me and help me he did.

That evening Jim had his wife Jane call her sister who had been looking for a dog. While I was looking for my furever home, I had to stay in a place [ICHS] where they have other dogs and cats waiting for their furever homes also.

When Edna came to look at me I think it was "Love at First Sight". She has such a warm friendly face. She went home to tell her husband about me and they decided I should go live with them. My adoption into the Witmer home was March 22, 2002.

I had lots of really nice clothes and all my leashes and collars were fit for a "Princess".

In March 2011, I convinced mom and dad that I needed a playmate. So they allowed me to keep a stray cat and we named him Jovonie.

Sure, I had some medical problems. But my mom and dad saw that I got the best care. When I got cancer in 2012, they saw I received Chemo treatments. When it came to my medical needs, no expense was spared.

I will miss all my family and I know they miss me. But I know I will see everyone again on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge.

By Jane C. Pedersen

Pet Memorials:

Abbey by Jeff & Leisa Ober

Abby by Tina & Dave Golf

Maddie by Kevin & Vicky Fisher

Muffin by Thomas Stiffler for Wayne Clawson

Oero by Nancy & Gary Ellenberger

Cincy by Cathy & John Swauger

Toby by Christina DeSalvo

Dusty by Karen Gresh

Miss Kitty & Charlotte by Barbara Horner

Trouble by Debbie Bacco for Sharon Richwine

Shadow & Bailey by Jim & Diane Paulina

Sadie by Glenn & Sherry Beatty

Bitsl by David & Gabrielle Osgood

Kokomo by Bob & Sally Albright, Terry Albright & Dr. Brian Fenchak

Molly by Debbie Bacco for Will & Judi Radell

Tishock Family Cats by Florence Civitate

Mindy by Mary Ann Baran for Kathie Lambert

Puddles by Mary Ann Baran for Donna Dunmire

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Gypsy by Debbie Bacco for Sue Smith

Vitas, Sesame & Mandy by Florence Civitate

Maz & Stinkey by Mark Griffin

Trouper by Kathie Lambert for Felice Morganti

Prince by Darrell & Kimberlee Cunkelman

Charlie by Reed Booth-Fairman

Sundance by Mary Ann Baran for Rosemary Corrigan

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by Dawn Spence

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Louise Krajec

Jean Krajec

by Brenda McGaughey

Micah Salosky

by Kate Vislosky

Mildred Thayer

by Ann Marie Clark

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by Josephine & William Usko

Robert Sprinkle

by Ferguson Twp Police Assoc., Patton Twp Police Assoc., Deborah Patterson, D. Miliron, Barbara Peles, Gregory Stoudnour, Paula Murak

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by Carole & Jim Frank

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by Bandit & Savannah McGaughey, Kimberlee & Darrel Cunkelman

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by Susan Miller, Bobbie Repine

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Riley's story

Hi! I'm Riley a 4 and a half year old spayed pit bull. I have been at the shelter since August of 2013. I am still looking for my forever home. I have seen several dogs and cats come past my cage going to their new homes and I'm wondering when am I next?? I love to play ball and go for walks. I lived in a house with my previous owner. I am considered a long-term resident and I even have an adoption sponsor.



The staff told me that I and my kennel friends would be moving to a new shelter soon. I was all excited that we would be moving and I would be getting a new kennel with new beds to stay in until my forever home was ready for me. But due to finances, even though the big, beautiful shelter is ready for the kennels, the staff can't move us until they raise some more money to purchase our kennels.

How disappointed we all were!

If some pet lovers would donate money to help buy the kennels we would even put their name on a kennel so everyone who comes thru knows who has helped us homeless pets have a nice clean, new kennel and bed.

I love to go for walks, play ball and just spend time with all the staff and volunteers that come in. But I would really love to have a forever home with my own family and my own bed.

To adopt me please call the shelter at 724 465 7387 or to help me and my friends move to the new shelter please send donations to:

ICHS, 65 Haven Drive, Indiana, PA 15701 and specify dog kennels.

Thanks and hope to see you soon,

Riley

Spay-Neuter Help Available Now

The Indiana County Spay-Neuter Voucher Program announces that the first visit this year of the Animal Friend's Mobile Spay-Neuter van was Thursday April 3rd. The next van will be Friday June 6. The van provides a cat spay or neuter for \$50 for those eligible.



Applications must be made in advance and fee paid at the Indiana County Humane Society. The fee includes a rabies shot and treatment for fleas or ear mites, if needed. Shots for feline distemper and tests and shots for feline leukemia are also available for an additional cost, if requested.

Apply now; for the June van. It is first come first served. Help is also available for



both cats and dogs through the Spay-Neuter Voucher Program.



The voucher gives help toward the cost of the spay or neuter at a veterinarian.

Stop at the shelter or phone ICHS at 724-465-7387 or FFF at 724-349-1144 for more information about the van or the voucher program. These programs are provided thru the joint effort of the Indiana County Humane Society and Four Footed Friends.

Coming Events

[Tentative 2014 Schedule--Check us on Facebook for additions & changes]

Petco Adoption Events May 17 & 18, July 5 & 6, August 23 & 24, October 4 & 5, November 8 & 9 and December 6 & 7:

Yappy Hour June 12, July 10, August 14: & September 11- Benjamin's Restaurant

Bow Wow Bingo - details TBA

Cash Bash August 4: - Red Barn Sportsman's Club

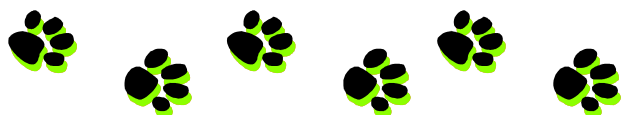
Indiana County Fair August 25 -30:

Cause for Paws September 20: -Blue Spruce Park

Demolition Derby and Truck Pull October 4:- Fairgrounds

Bake Sale November 21 & 22: - Indiana Mall

Bake Sale December 12 & 13: - Indiana Mall



It's Not Too Late Pledge Now

Indiana County Humane Society "Unleash the Possibilities" Capital Campaign Pledge Form

Donor Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

Home/Cell Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Email _____

Pledge Information

I (we) hereby contribute cash and/or assets to the Indiana County Humane Society "Unleash the Possibilities" Campaign.

I (we) pledge a total of \$ _____ amount enclosed \$ _____ remainder pledged \$ _____

I (we) wish to have this donation spread over 1 year 2 years 3 years other _____

Signature _____

Contribution Form

I (we) plan to make my (our) contribution form of:

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Please charge my credit card: Visa Master Card Discover American Express

Credit card number _____ Exp. Date _____

Authorized credit card signature _____

Please bill me beginning _____ and thereafter monthly quarterly annually other _____

My gift will be matched by _____ (Company/Foundation/Family)

Matching gift form is enclosed Matching gift form will be forwarded

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(Donors will be recognized in campaign materials unless an anonymous gift is requested)

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgments _____

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Membership in the Humane Society can be one way you can contribute support for the homeless animals of the county. Only through donations made by caring people can we continue to provide the services needed to care for the animals. Your Support Saves Lives

Name _____
Address _____

City _____ Zip _____
E-Mail _____

Membership Level

- \$30 Puppy
- \$65 Bronze Paw
- \$100 Silver Paw
- \$150 Gold Paw
- Other \$ _____

Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by Federal & State laws.

Memberships are for calendar year.

**Indiana County
Humane Society
2014 Membership**

I am interested in helping as a volunteer. Please call me.
Phone _____

Payment

Check enclosed (payable to ICHS)

VISA Master Card

Name on card _____

Account # _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Please send this form and payment to:
Indiana County Humane Society
65 Haven Drive
Indiana, PA 15701

We invite you to copy this form and share it with a friend!

Thank You!