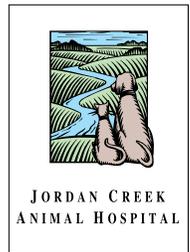




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# Gazette

A newsletter for people and their pets



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### New Thyroid Medication

Although safe effective thyroid medications for dogs have been around for years, only one has recently completed the process to receive full FDA approval for use in dogs. Since prescribing laws require veterinarians to use an FDA approved product if available, we will now be using this brand, Thyro-tabs Canine, for our patients who need thyroid supplementation. If your dog is currently on thyroid medication, a switch to Thyro-tabs Canine should occur in the next few months. Because different brands may be absorbed and used variably in individual dogs, a recheck of thyroid values is recommended about a month after starting new thyroid medication to assure the dose is appropriate.

### New Arthritis Medication

This fall, a new medication to treat arthritis symptoms in dogs will become available. Called Galliprant, the new medication is different from other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) in that it targets a very specific pain receptor in the body. This should allow pain control from arthritis and other causes while having an improved safety profile due to its very narrow method of action. Galliprant may prove useful for dogs that currently cannot take NSAIDs due to other existing health problems or intolerances. Galliprant may not be used with other NSAIDs or with corticosteroids.

### Dental Chews

Two new dental chews for dogs are now available to help prevent tartar build-up. OraVet chews contain an ingredient that helps prevent plaque-causing bacteria from sticking to teeth. Veggie Dents are similar to rawhides, but made entirely from vegetable sources, that provide a



satisfying, safe chewing experience for dogs and help prevent tartar formation.

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## **New Noise Phobia Treatment Available**

A new product for dogs with thunderstorm and firework anxiety is now available. Sileo is an oral gel applied to the mucous membranes of the mouth between the cheek and gum by syringe (not to be swallowed). It provides 2-3 hours of effective relief from noise anxiety with minimal or no sedation. Sileo may be repeated up to 5 times for noise conditions lasting longer than

2-3 hours. Sileo may not be appropriate for dogs with significant pre-existing health conditions and is only for dogs 4 months and older. Pregnant people should not handle the medication. If your dog has trouble finding relief from noise phobias, ask us if Sileo may be appropriate. Our staff members who tried it on their own pets were impressed!

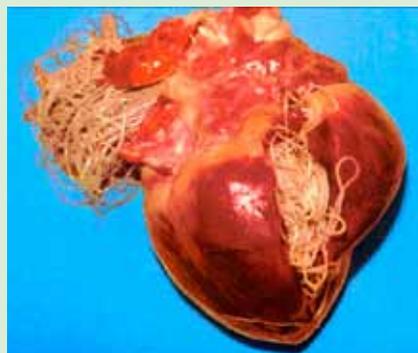


## **Bravecto Showing Good Flea and Tick Control**

After our first year of regular Bravecto use, the response has been excellent for flea and tick control. The oral chew given once every three months has widely replaced monthly topical medications due to ease of use and effectiveness.

## **Heartworm Treatment for Infected Dogs Still in Short Supply**

Since 2011, Immiticide, the medication used to treat dogs with established heartworm infections, has been in limited supply. This shortage has not been yet corrected, meaning dogs newly diagnosed with heartworm disease may not be able to get adequate medication to treat their disease. This makes PREVENTION of heartworm disease all the more important. Please make sure your dog continues to take monthly heartworm preventive year round.



## **Allergy Medication Now in Good Supply**

On a happier note, Apoquel, the newer allergy medication for dogs, is finally in good supply after being available in limited quantities the last 2 years. This medication is helpful for dogs with seasonal and year round allergies without many of the side effects of other allergy medications. Itchy allergic dogs who responded to Apoquel can look forward to a more comfortable allergy season this year.



# Rabies Can Be a Threat Inside the Home

**A** recent case of a rabid bat found inside an Aurora, Illinois home highlights the dangers of rabies even to our indoor pets (and humans). The bat was found flying around a bedroom of a home there. Animal control authorities captured the bat and sent it for testing by the department of public health where it was found to be positive for rabies. Bats can bite humans or pets without leaving a mark, and undetected bites have occurred while humans/pets were sleeping. The only protection for your pets from this fatal disease is rabies vaccination before the bite, which is very effective. For the safety of your family and pets, including those living only indoors, keep all of your dogs and cats current on their rabies vaccination. If a bat is found inside a home it should be safely captured and tested for rabies. Bats can be brought to Jordan Creek Animal Hospital for transfer to Iowa State Diagnostic Lab for testing.

## Welcome, Quinn!

Dr. Whitney and his wife, Lorraine, are the proud grandparents of their first grand-daughter, Quinn Avery Whitney. Congratulations to their son, Dr. Daniel Whitney, and daughter-in-law, Danielle.

## Monthly Meetings

The doctors and staff at Jordan Creek Animal Hospital feel that monthly employee meetings are essential to promoting communication and educational opportunities. Because of this, we will be closed from **1:30-2:30 PM** on the following **Wednesdays: July 20, August 17 and September 18.**



# MEET THE STAFF/our editors for this issue of Pet Gazette



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Amy, husband Rawley, daughter Elizabeth, and sons Ethan and Emmett share their home with 2 cats, Buzz and Ace, a dog named Ernie, and 4 rabbits. When she isn't busy at work or spending time with her family and pets, she enjoys biking, camping, and shopping.