



Pet of the Month:- "Jill"

When Jill was brought in to see us, she had lost her Airdale sparkle and bounce, and was feeling very sorry for herself. She had spent the previous day vomiting and passing diarrhoea.

We noticed that Jill had lost a little weight over the previous few months and was uncomfortable when we felt her abdomen, so recommended a blood test which showed that her liver enzymes were dramatically elevated and that her pancreas wasn't coping well either. With this information we advised a scan of her abdomen which showed that her liver and pancreas were clear of cancer, but that there were early cancerous changes in her spleen!

Jill's owners agreed to allow us to perform surgery on her, remove her spleen and at the same time biopsy her liver and pancreas. She was found to have both severe pancreatitis and hepatitis as well as a benign form of splenic cancer. Fortunately the hepatitis and pancreatitis responded well to treatment over a period of two months and the removal of her spleen has eradicated the cancer there.

In her case, Jill was lucky she fell ill as otherwise her splenic cancer would have continued to grow undetected and may have become inoperable.



Jill is now flourishing, has gained weight and loves her special home cooked diet of rice and cottage cheese! She is back to charging around the garden and is full of mischief!

Food for Thought

(Find six foods which should not be eaten by dogs or cats)



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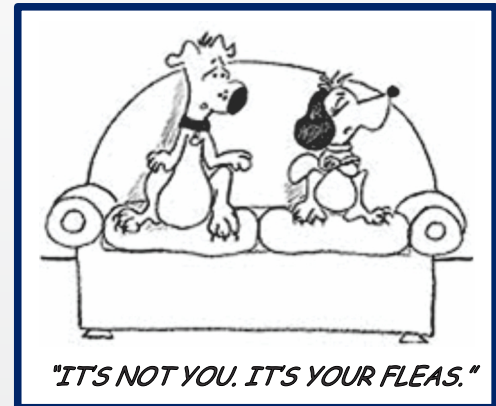
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FLEAS

How much do you know about them?

- Fleas transmit tapeworms in both dogs and cats.
True False
- The female cat flea will consume ____ times her own body weight in blood daily.
A. 5 B. 10 C. 15 D. 20
- The female cat flea lays about ____ eggs per day on your pet at her peak production.
A. 10 B. 25 C. 50 D. 100
- Adult fleas live and breed well over ____ days on the pet if not disturbed.
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- Once fleas begin feeding on your pet and begin to lay eggs, they become dependent on them for a constant source of blood.
True False
- Female fleas begin to lay eggs _____ after their first blood meal.
A. 12 to 24 hours B. 24 to 36 hours C. 36 to 48 hours D. 48 to 72 hours
- The flea is a tropical insect and won't tolerate freezing temperatures for long periods of time.
True False
- During the _____ months, fleas are most likely surviving as adults on untreated dogs and cats.
A: Spring B. Summer C. Autumn D. Winter
- One female cat flea can lay _____ eggs in her lifetime.
A. 500 B. 1000 C. 1500 D. 2000
- The predominant flea found on dogs is:
A. Ctenocephalides canis B. Ctenocephalides felis felis



Answers: 1. True 2. C 3. C 4. D 5. True 6. C 7. True 8. D 9. D 10. B



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