

September : Pain Awareness Month



Chronic pain is ubiquitous in companion animals affecting 20% of dogs and 40% of cats. Pain decreases mobility and activity, and can even cause behaviour problems including aggression. Proactive and pre-emptive pain management are critical to improve the animal's quality of life. International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management (IVAPM) has proclaimed September as Animal Pain Awareness Month, to educate people about the symptoms of chronic pain and discomfort in animals

Personalized canine vaccine plans help improve owner compliance

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When it comes to vaccinating dogs, there is no such thing as a "one-size-fits-all" approach. This is according to the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). To help veterinarians create personalized and comprehensive vaccination plans for their patients, the group has published the 2022 AAHA Canine Vaccination

Guidelines. The updated resource encourages veterinary teams to look beyond "core" and "noncore" vaccine categories and understand additional factors that might influence individualized vaccination recommendations for dogs. Guidelines can be downloaded from <https://www.aaha.org/canine-vaccinations>

CBD may reduce severity, frequency of canine seizures, study shows

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Cannabidiol (CBD) may be beneficial in reducing the severity and frequency of seizures in dogs. This is according to ElleVet Sciences. The company has published the results of a controlled clinical trial exploring the use of its proprietary CBD + CBDA Oil and its efficacy on dogs experiencing seizures. When compared to the placebo group, the frequency and severity of seizures dropped "significantly" for 40 percent of dogs receiving CBD, the findings show. While CBD has been widely believed to have potential as an option for seizures in dogs, there have been few studies on the topic prior to this study showing efficacy in dogs. The findings have been published in Frontiers of Veterinary Medicine

Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) diagnosis guidelines released

MVC, September 1st 2022

The American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) have released the 2022 Infectious Peritonitis Diagnosis Guidelines. These landmark Guidelines are published in the Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery and will provide veterinarians with the essential information necessary to provide a FIP diagnosis in cats. FIP is a viral disease that can affect any organ in the body and is caused by a feline coronavirus (FCoV). The 2022 AAFP/EveryCat Feline Infectious Peritonitis Diagnosis Guidelines serve as a critical resource for veterinary practitioners diagnosing FIP in their cat patients. Given the fact that FIP is fatal when untreated and nearly every small animal veterinary practitioner will see FIP cases, the ability to obtain a correct diagnosis is critical. FIP can be challenging to diagnose due to the lack of clinical signs or laboratory changes, especially when no physical symptoms are present. These Guidelines will provide veterinarians with essential information to assist their ability to recognize cats presenting with FIP. The 2022 Guidelines were developed by a Task Force of experts in feline clinical medicine. Helpful tips, images and tables, and algorithms are included throughout the document. In addition, the Guidelines feature 16 valuable supplemental resources that appear online such as videos, figures, instructions, and a questionnaire. Download the FIP Diagnosis Guidelines at the AAFP website

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Top 5 messages for effective pain management

1. Be proactive: train and prepare the whole veterinary team to understand and appreciate the procedures and diseases that can be associated with pain and to proactively manage diseases early in their course
2. Use the tools and recommendations available to facilitate and assist with the assessment of pain
3. Engage the owner as a team member in both the recognition and management of pain
4. Practice pre-emptive, multimodal management based on a tiered approach to both pharmacological and nonpharmacological treatments.
5. Re-evaluate patients on a regular basis, and adjust treatment plans accordingly

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