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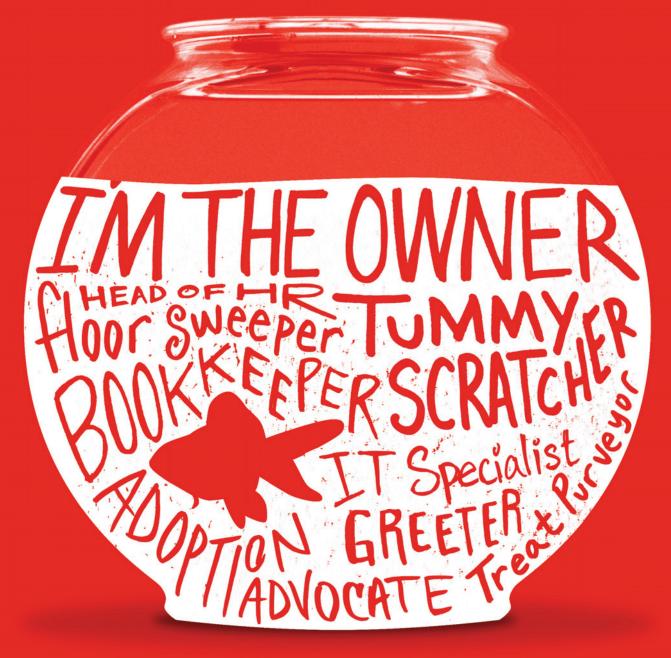
We all know a career in veterinary medicine is filled with high highs and, yes, some low lows. But no matter what, it's always better when you have an opportunity to voice your thoughts and secrets with a giant group of people who unequivocally "get" what you're going through. If you couldn't make it to CVC Virginia Beach this year, here are some of the secrets spotted in the Vet Confessionals Project exhibit.



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I'm just a little husky

Just like humans—it's calories in and calories out when it comes to weight loss in dogs.

By Kathryn Primm, DVM

verweight dogs are now so common that we think it must be common knowledge how to fix it. But not much has been truly explored about obesity management in dogs. We know that obesity contributes to other diseases that affect our patients' quality of life. Because of the prevalence of obesity and the damaging side effects, what to recommend to pet owners is very relevant to all of us.

For years, we have told people to be mindful of the amount of food the pet gets and watchful of treats and people food. The results of this restriction have been that some of the patients lose weight, but some people express concern that when calories are restricted, lean body mass is also lost. The role of exercise in the management of obesity in dogs hasn't gotten much investigation, but

now we have a study that we can cite about a secret weapon in the war against obesity. It is a weapon we've known about all along—exercise.

AN EXERCISE ON EXERCISE

A study was designed to investigate obesity management for canine patients. The study looked at 12 overweight privately owned dogs. The dogs were divided into a weight loss program based on calorie restriction with a commercial low-fat high-protein diet alone and a weight loss program based on the same diet in conjunction with physical training.

Gene expression in muscle and adipose tissue was sampled, through biopsies, and studied before and after the 12-week program. The genes that were selected for study are key genes and microRNAs relevant to energy metabolism. Some genes that were studied are more beneficial for health when they are upregulated and some when downregulated.

In the diet-restriction-only group, the dogs' bodies responded with changes in fatty tissue, but beneficial gene expression seemed to be lessened in muscle tissue, which suggests that although the body weight was reduced, the muscles were affected in a negative way. These findings seem to confirm the concern that

calorie reduction alone—although effective at reducing body fat—can reduce lean muscle mass.

In the diet-and-exercise group, fatty tissue showed altered gene expression, indicating a reduction in fat, but other beneficial genes were more expressed in muscle tissue when compared with the diet-only group, suggesting a positive impact on the muscles. The exercise appeared to exponentially increase the positive effects.

EXAM-ROOM APPLICATION

This study's key takeaway: Even though reducing dietary intake is a good idea, if we can couple it with an increase in exercise, we can significantly affect overall health for the better. Even mild exercise was sufficient to induce beneficial changes in muscle and fat tissues. Weight reduction is a beneficial change, but when paired with even a modest exercise program, positive health effects are compounded. So make sure every bag of weightreducing food you recommend also comes with the recommendation for an exercise plan!

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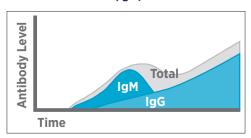
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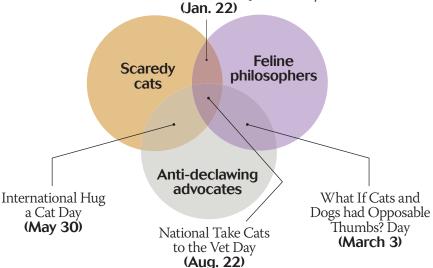
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Saying "thanks" doesn't need to be mushy, sappy or awkward. Here's a quick tip (and a tool, too!) from Jessica Murphy, CVPM, a 2016 dvm360/VHMA Practice Manager of the Year contestant. "I'm the first to admit I'm not good at giving pats on the back. I know it's true, because I asked our employees," she says. Her solution? Orange slips—half pieces of orange paper with this simple (but heartfelt) message: "We caught you doing something extraordinary!" (Get your own appreciation slips at

dvm360.com/thankyou.)

"We collect those orange slips for a monthly drawing for a \$100 gift certificate of the employee's choosing," she says.

The point is to make a big deal for good behavior. The recognition becomes the true gift.



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Career reboot:

Bye-bye computers, hello vet med

By Mary Gardner, DVM

The hardest career moment for me was not in veterinary medicine but in computer software design, which is where my adult work world started. I had a solid career with a bright future and made a stable and positively increasing income. But then I had the crazy urge to quit and become a vet. I had to quit that stability, take undergraduate courses and apply for vet school with the hopes of being accepted in my 30s.

Follow your heart

I had so many people trying to discourage me-particularly veterinarians—saying how bad it is to be a vet. But they didn't stop me. I got in on my first attempt (whew), and I love our industry.

Then listen to your gut

Leaving general practice to start Lap of Love Veterinary Hospice and In-Home Euthanasia with my partner, Dr. Dani McVety, was the easiest decision ever. I knew in my gut that it was a needed service, and to have the opportunity to try it with a close friend-

Be yourself

had a doubt!

business-but I never

Everyone asks me, "How tall are you?" I'm 6-feet, 1-inch tall. No one asks if I'm an introvert. I'm clearly a massive extrovert! If I had a spirit animal, I think it would be the fictional character Tigger from Winnie the Pooh. Tigger is cheerful, outgoing and competitive in a friendly way, and he has complete confidence in himself. I would also bounce everywhere if I had the ability. Tigger also never gets lostsomething I pride myself on.



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For subcutaneous (SQ) injectable use in cats.

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Skin contact during administration:

If human skin is accidentally exposed to SIMBADOL, wash the exposed areas with soap and water and contact a physician. Accidental exposure could result in absorption of buprenorphine and the potential for adverse reactions.

Drug Abuse, Addiction, and Diversion of Opioids:

Controlled Substance:

SIMBADOL contains buprenorphine, a mu opioid partial agonist and Schedule III controlled substance with an abuse potential similar to other Schedule III opioids. SIMBADOL can be abused and is subject to misuse, abuse, addiction, and criminal diversion. SIMBADOL should be handled appropriately to minimize the risk of diversion, including restriction of access, the use of accounting procedures, and proper disposal methods, as appropriate to the clinical setting and as required by law.

Abuse

Abuse of SIMBADOL poses a hazard of overdose and death. This risk is increased with concurrent abuse of alcohol and other substances including other opioids and benzodiazepines. Buprenorphine has been diverted for non-medical use into illicit channels of distribution. All people handling opioids require careful monitoring for signs of abuse. Drug abuse is the intentional non-therapeutic use of a prescription drug for its rewarding psychological or physiological effects. Abuse of opioids can occur in the absence of true addiction.

Storage and Discard:

SIMBADOL is a Class III opioid. Store in a locked, substantially constructed cabinet according to DEA and local controlled substance guidelines. Discard broached vials after 28 days. Any unused or expired vials must be destroyed by a DEA registered reverse distributor; for further information, contact your local DEA field office or call Zoetis Inc. at 1-888-963-8471.

Information for physician:

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PRECAUTIONS:

Hyperactivity (opioid excitation) has been observed up to 8 hours after anesthetic recovery (see ADVERSE REACTIONS).

Safety has not been evaluated in moribund cats (i.e., those not expected to live more than 24 hours with or without surgery). Use in such cases should be based on the risk-benefit assessment of the veterinarian. Use with caution in cats with impaired hepatic function.

The use of SIMBADOL has not been evaluated in breeding, pregnant, or lactating cats, or in cats younger than 4 months of age

ADVERSE REACTIONS:

In two controlled field studies, a total of 450 male and female cats 4 months to 16 years old, weighing between 2.6 – 20.0 lb were included in the field safety analysis. In one study, cats underwent a soft tissue surgical procedure (soft tissue). In the other study, cats underwent onychectomy, onychectomy and castration, or onychectomy and ovariohysterectomy (orthopedic). The following tables (one table for each study) show the number of cats exhibiting each observation.

Adverse Reactions in the Soft Tissue Field Study

	SIMBADOL (N = 109)		Control (N = 112)		
Adverse Reaction ^a	During Surgery ^b	After Surgery	During Surgery ^b	After Surgery	
Hypotension ^c	39 (35.8%)	29 (26.6%)	33 (29.5%)	24 (21.4%)	
Tachycardia ^d	26 (23.9%)	29 (26.6%)	15 (13.4%)	20 (17.9%)	
Hypothermia (≤98.0°F)	30 (27.5%)	1 (0.9%)	31 (27.7%)	0	
Hyperthermia (≥103.0°F)	0	40 (36.7%)	0	19 (17.0%)	
Hypertension ^e	7 (6.4%)	20 (18.3%)	9 (8.0%)	6 (5.4%)	
Anorexia	0	18 (16.5%)	0	15 (13.4%)	
Hyperactivity	0	10 (9.2%)	0	4 (3.6%)	
Reduced Oxygen Saturation of Hemoglobin (pulse oximetry <90%)	5 (4.6%)	1 (0.9%)	8 (7.1%)	0	
Bradycardia (≤90 beats/min)	2 (1.8%)	1 (0.9%)	1 (0.9%)	0	
Tachypnea (≥72 breaths/min)	0	3 (2.8%)	0	2 (1.8%)	
Arrhythmia	1 (0.9%)	0	1 (0.9%)	0	
Hyperesthesia	0	1 (0.9%)	0	0	
Blindness	0	1 (0.9%)	0	0	
Apnea/Death	0	1 (0.9%)	0	0	

- a. Cats may have experienced more than one type or occurrence of an adverse reaction. Cats experiencing the same reaction both during and after surgery are presented in both time periods.

 b. During surgery is the time from the administration of the anesthetic induction agent until discontinuation of the gas
- Hypotension is defined as a mean blood pressure of ≤60 mmHg during surgery and ≤90 mmHg after surgery. d. Tachycardia is defined as a heart rate ≥180 beats per minute during surgery and ≥200 beats per minute after
- e. Hypertension is defined as a mean blood pressure of ≥120 mmHg during surgery and ≥160 mmHg after surgery.

Adverse Reactions in the Orthopedic Field Study

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_	SIMBADOL (N = 115)		Control (N = 114)	
	During		During	
Adverse Reaction ^a	Surgeryb	After Surgery	Surgeryb	After Surgery
Tachycardia ^c	29 (25.2%)	44 (38.3%)	15 (13.2%)	24 (21.1%)
Hypotension ^d	29 (25.2%)	22 (19.1%)	27 (23.7%)	16 (14.0%)
Hyperthermia (≥103.0°F)	1 (0.9%)	51 (44.3%)	0	14 (12.3%)
Anorexia	0	22 (19.1%)	0	20 (17.5%)
Hypertension ^e	3 (2.6%)	20 (17.4%)	8 (7.0%)	12 (10.5%)
Hypothermia (≤98.0°F)	8 (7.0%)	0	16 (14.0%)	0
Hyperactivity	0	16 (13.9%)	0	7 (6.1%)
Bradycardia				
(≤90 beats/min)	3 (2.6%)	0	3 (2.6%)	1 (0.9%)
Tachypnea	, ,		•	
(≥72 breaths/min)	0	2 (1.8%)	1 (0.9%)	4 (3.5%)
Reduced Oxygen				
Saturation of Hemoglobin				
(pulse oximetry ≤90%)	3 (2.6%)	0	3 (2.6%)	0
Arrhythmia	0	1 (0.9%)	1 (0.9%)	0
Blindness	0	1 (0.9%)	0	1 (0.9%)
Ataxia	0	1 (0.9%)	0	0
Apnea/Death	1 (0.9%)	0	0	0
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The two cats with apnea in the SIMBADOL $^{\text{TM}}$ (buprenorphine injection) group died from the adverse reaction. The cat in the soft tissue study underwent a necropsy and a specific cause of death was not found, although other remarkable findings included metastatic neoplasia affecting multiple systems. The cat in the orthopedic study experienced apnea during endotracheal intubation. The cat was healthy and a specific cause of death was not found.

Two cats in the SIMBADOL group and one cat in the placebo control group were reported with presumptive post-anesthetic cortical blindness. Both cats in the SIMBADOL group received blood pressure intervention during surgery for low blood pressure. All cats regained vision within 7 to 84 days after surgery; however, one cat in the SIMBADOL group continued to have some visual and balance deficits.

One cat in the SIMBADOL group in the soft tissue study was euthanized after completion of the study due $\frac{1}{2}$ to pulmonary complications. The complications were considered likely related to the severity of the cat's iniuries prior to surgery.

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STORAGE INFORMATION:

Store at temperatures up to 25°C (77°F). Protect from light and excessive heat (above 40°C or 104°F). Use within 28 days of first puncture.

HOW SUPPLIED:

SIMBADOL (buprenorphine injection) is supplied in a carton containing one 10 mL amber glass vial. Each multidose vial contains 1.8 mg/mL of buprenorphine.

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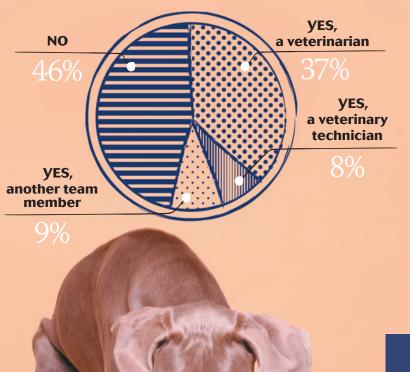
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Look before you leap

Better behavior consultations for your patients are on the horizon—so what might be holding you back? Here's a look at who is doing the majority of client communication on behavior issues, plus tips from all-star practices.

Do you have someone in your practice who's particularly passionate about talking to clients about behavior issues?



What makes for an amazing behavior visit? We asked Well-Managed Practices—here are the top tips.

Richard Vesper, DVM, and Gretchen Latham, RVT, KPA, CTP, of Avery Animal Hospital in Hilliard, Ohio, do the following:

- → Develop a customized treatment plan for each case.
- → Provide educational handouts.
- → After the initial consultation, follow up with clients by phone or email at one, three, six, nine and 12 weeks.
- → Schedule additional appointments as needed.

Get more insights in Benchmarks 2016: A Study of Well-Managed Practices. Go to dvm360.com/benchmarks for more.



53% of your colleagues say they have a behaviorist they regularly refer to, which is great. But what if you don't? Head over to **dvm360.com/6tips** for (you guessed it) six tips for better behavior discussions and expert tips to refer tough behavior cases.

Source: 2016 dvm360 Spectrum of Care Survey and Benchmarks 2016: A Study of Well-Managed Practices



SCIIIO Have clients bop themselves with a newspaper

Veterinary behavior expert Dr. E'lise Christensen lists common housetraining mistakes owners make so you can help them get rid of their bad habits instead of their dogs. By Sarah Dowdy, Associate Content Specialist

ouse soiling doesn't do your client's floor or patience any favors, which is why it's a major contributor to pet relinquishment. CVC speaker and behavior expert E'lise Christensen, DVM, DACVB, says this is partly due to unrealistic client expectations.

For example, clients often underestimate how often dogs need bathroom breaks, Dr. Christensen says. She once had a client complain about a dog that kept eliminating on the porch where it was kept. When Dr. Christensen asked how often the dog was taken out, the client replied that he took the dog out once a day. "How often do you go to the bathroom?" she asked. "Your dog needs to go out at least that many times."

So when a client complains about house soiling, don't assume that the pet has been given an appropriate number of opportunities to eliminate outdoors, says Dr. Christensen. They may not recognize their pet's natural needs.

Dr. Christensen recommends taking out young dogs every hour. When clients protest, she explains, "If you take your dog out 10 times a day for the next few weeks, you'll be done. If you take the dog out three times a day, you'll be doing this for years. Do it right the first time."

Here are other ways clients unwittingly set their dogs up for housetraining failure:

Getting a dog in the winter

Puppies may be a popular Christmas present, but Dr. Christensen says there are perils to housetraining in the winter. "Clients need to take the dog out," she says, "but they can't get their boots on fast enough and the dog ends up peeing on the floor. They chase this problem all winter, and then by spring,

they're stymied by how often the dog is peeing in the house."

Leaving accidents

Clients—especially those with small dogs—often leave accidents, using the excuse that they'll get it later. "If you want to housetrain your dog, you have to clean it up—otherwise, it looks like a latrine and your dog will keep going there," Dr. Christensen says.

Winging it

Having a schedule is very important, says Dr. Christensen. She recommends having clients log what the puppy's day looks like, when it's given an opportunity to eliminate, when it actually eliminates and where it eliminates. "That's how we collect our data to know what we need to change in our plan," Dr. Christensen explains.

Partnering with a trainer is a no-brainer

Don't just hand your clients business cards of trainers you've never met and know nothing about. Partner with a trainer to improve patients' health.

hough many studies have shown a link between pet behavior and health (and between pet behavior and owner relinquishment), many veterinary professionals don't jump for joy at the thought of behavior consultations. (Don't believe us? Check out the data on page 11.)

If behavior isn't your cup of tea (or your area of expertise), or if you just want to take behavior services to the next level in your practice, try joining forces with a local trainer. At the very least, investigate a trainer well enough to make confident referrals. That trainer, in return, can refer clients to you. But with so many trainers, how do you choose a partner?

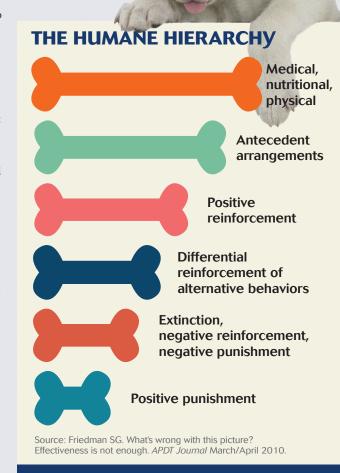
Look at the trainer's training model, says CVC educator Mikkel Becker, CBCC-KA, CPDT-KA, CDBC, CTC, KPA graduate. One model Becker really likes is the Humane Hierarchy, which was developed by Utah State University psychology professor Susan Friedman, PhD. The Humane Hierarchy incorporates the expertise of trainers and veterinary professionals by design.

Instead of jumping directly to punishment, the hierarchy lists several different ways to address a negative behavior before reaching punishment. These steps take the pet's health into account as well as its environment to take a holistic approach to behavior.

The first step is to look at health and nutrition. This is one of the times the partnering trainer would refer the pet to you, the veterinary health professional. The second step looks at environment (for example, is the pet getting enough exercise and enrichment?), and the third step is positive reinforcement.

"Then we [speaking for trainers] can give them a replacement behavior," Becker says. "So for example, say we have an animal that's jumping up. Rather than punishing the pet for jumping up, what we might do is reward it when it naturally settles down or give it attention then. Or, ideally, we can give the pet a replacement behavior. We could teach the pet to touch our hand with its nose, to sit, or go to its bed."

The next step includes extinction. "For the animal that's jumping up, we're going to completely ignore it altogether," says Becker. This step also includes negative reinforcement and negative punishment. Negative punishment might look like putting the pet in time out for a few minutes.



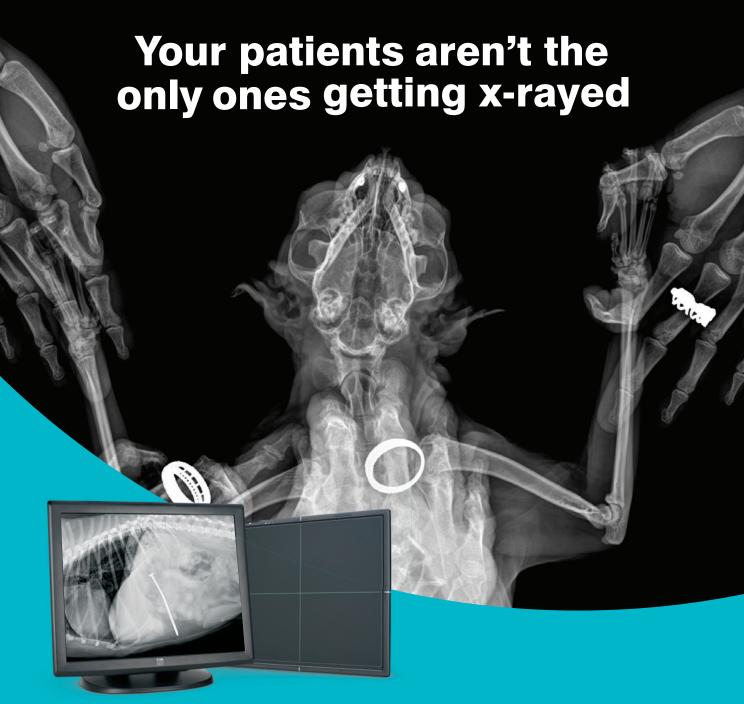
Time for positive punishment, right? Not so fast, says Becker. "Before getting to positive punishment, we want to stop and look at it again," she says. Becker will often go back to the beginning of the hierarchy at this point to see if there's something she missed

and perhaps refer to a veterinarian, if needed.

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Humane Hierarchy in Becker's own words ...



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You can take three views instead of two.

As a radiologist, I still have veterinarians send me single lateral or two-view radiographs of the thorax and abdomen

looking for abnormalities. Although this is usually enough to make a diagnosis, by taking the opposite lateral you increase the chance of seeing lesions by 33 percent. (Get it? You're getting another radiograph, so now you have three chances to see lesions rather than just two).

Also, things are hidden on the down side that you can't usually see until you flip the patient over to allow gas in the region to provide radiographic contrast with the soft tissue and fluid that may be present, especially in the abdomen. For example, in most dogs linear foreign bodies get caught in the pylorus of the stomach. A right lateral radiograph puts that side down so it's

Figure 1A:
This left lateral radiograph shows a foreign body (sock) within the pylorus of the stomach and the descending duodenum. Note that you can barely see the linear striations of the lesion of

linear striations of the lesion on the right lateral radiograph (Figure 1B), but it is clearly seen on the left lateral when gas is present in the fundus.



surrounded by fluid. Therefore the soft tissue of the foreign body blends with the fluid in the stomach and you can't see the lesion. If you're worried about a linear foreign body, take a left lateral radiograph to put gas in the pylorus, allowing you to see the foreign body (Figure 1).

Contrast studies can still be done, but think of contrast medium like an overwhelming force—a little goes a long way. This may not make intuitive

sense, as contrast medium is supposed to highlight abnormalities and is heavier than liquid so it settles, but remember that contrast medium is so opaque it will overpower and hide anything it covers. For example, consider a double-contrast

Figure 2A:

This radiograph was obtained six hours after barium administration. Note all the barium is

within the colon. except for a focal region in the stomach. This was a gastric foreign body (Vetrap) that was retained in the stomach



cystogram. If you put too much

iodinated contrast medium in the urinary bladder, you'll miss the stone. Also, for upper gastrointestinal tract examinations in stable patients, it's sometimes easier to see the foreign bodies four to six hours after administration of barium since the barium will stick to the foreign material after the rest of the barium clears (Figure 2). Just remember, if you're going to ultrasonographically examine the abdomen as well, do it before administering barium as this contrast medium will shadow and can be mistaken for a foreign body.



Positioning is key.

The easier it has become to take radiographs with digital echnology, the more likely it is for clinicians to cut corners

because of the speed with which images are processed. Lost is the art of positioning patients with a straight lateral and using wedge pads and positioning devices. Largely this comes from a lack of willingness to sedate animals because it takes added time. But using sedation to minimize patient stress and provide the ability to use sandbags to minimize technicians' exposure to radiation will make radiographs go faster in the long run and provide a better image to interpret. The more oblique

the position, the more likely we as radiologists are to miss

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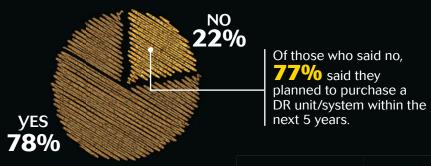


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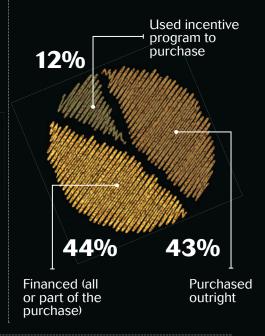
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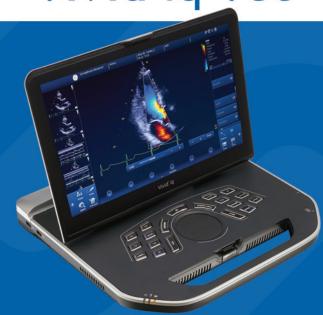




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e've all seen patients with stained teeth, and when we do, there's often an inclination to tell owners to simply "keep an eye on it." But because these pets are often in pain, a wait-and-see approach won't cut it if you're striving to provide high-quality patient care.

The cause of discoloration

When the blood supply to a tooth is interrupted, either temporarily or permanently, hemoglobin in the pulp cavity is degraded into byproducts that leach into the dentin wall and give it a pink or purple hue. If these hemocomponents continue to break down, the tooth will appear blue or gray.

In one study of dogs with intrinsically stained teeth, more than 92% of the stained teeth were nonvital (i.e. had partial or total pulp necrosis). Teeth often become nonvital through trauma, which causes tooth subluxation, luxation or avulsion. In addition, anachoresis, a blood-borne infection, can affect

a tooth at the apex and cause it to become nonvital.

Reversible pulpitis

Sometimes the tooth discoloration is nonpermanent, as is the case with reversible pulpitis, which is caused by inflammation or trauma. If treated appropriately, the pulp cavity can become viable again and the tooth discoloration may lessen and return to normal. Pain is common in people with acute periapical periodontitis or acute periapical abscess, so we should assume the same in our patients.

In an ideal world, we would know the exact time the trauma occurred or the inflammation began, but that's rare. If a tooth tip or the coronal one-fourth of a crown becomes acutely discolored, you can initially assume it is reversible pulpitis.

Administer antibiotics (amoxicillinclavulanate or clindamycin) and NSAIDs (provided the patient's renal and hepatic function is normal) for seven days. If the tooth's color doesn't return to normal after two or three months, you can assume it's experiencing irreversible pulpitis.



If your patient has a gray, pink, purple or blue tooth, don't just tell the owner to keep an eye on it. An intrinsically stained tooth is more than just a cosmetic issue, and the associated disease is often painful.

By Barden Greenfield, DVM, DAVDC



>>> Discolored (nonvital) right maxillary canine tooth.



>>> Cross-section of a nonvital canine tooth. Notice the intrinsic staining of the dentinal wall.

>>> Intraoral digital dental radiograph of the right maxillary 2nd incisor tooth. A wide pulp cavity compared to the contralateral left 2nd incisor indicates premature maturation (tooth death).



>>> Discolored (nonvital) right maxillary 2nd incisor.

What the heck do you call a 'dental'?!

Don't shortchange the hard work that goes into dental work by calling it just a "cleaning" in front of clients. Two veterinary dentists sound off on their favorite terminology—and why.

"In companion animal veterinary practices across the country, dogs and cats receive 'dentals' daily. But the term 'dental' barely explains what's involved. At my practice, we refer to the anesthetized oral exam, dental cleaning and treatment performed under anesthesia, plus any prevention recommendations, as 'oral ATP' (assessment, treatment, prevention). Other practices call this COHAT, or comprehensive oral health assessment and treatment. Either way, it's a lot more than 'doing a dentistry."

—excerpted from "The ABCs of veterinary dentistry" Jan Bellows, DVM, DAVDC, DABVP, FAVD Owner of All Pets Dental in Weston, Florida

"Among DVMs, I call it an ATP, as it covers all facets of care, including discussing home care and products. In the exam room with clients, I call it a 'diagnostic periodontal exam and cleaning.' I explain why we perform dental radiographs—30 percent of dogs and 40 percent of cats have disease under the gum line that only rads can diagnose. I explain that we chart, probe and assess each tooth, saying, 'There are 42 teeth in a dog and 30 in a cat, and we're performing 42 (or 30) separate exams to evaluate each tooth above and below the gum line.' "

—Barden Greenfield, DVM, DAVDC

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Irreversible pulpitis

Irreversible pulpitis can be a sterile event or bacteria-related. It can also be acute, subacute or chronic. If a bacterial infection combines with the hemoglobin breakdown products, iron sulfide is formed and causes teeth to turn dark gray or blue—colors that are practically pathognomonic for irreversible pulpitis. The condition may be acutely painful for the patient in the early stages but can diminish to a dull pain over time.¹

Radiography

Radiographic evidence of a nonvital tooth includes:

- > A wide pulp cavity in relation to the contralateral tooth
- > Apical rarefaction (apical lucency)
- Narrowing of the pulp cavity because of pulp calcification (localized or generalized)

Root resorption

Although dental radiography can help you diagnose irreversible pulpitis, a lack of radiographic evidence does not rule it out. In one study, only 42.9% of nonvital teeth showed radiographic evidence of endodontic disease.¹

Treating irreversible pulpitis

There are two options for treating irreversible pulpitis: root canal therapy and tooth extraction.

The former is highly recommended for strategic teeth (i.e. maxillary and mandibular canines, maxillary fourth premolars and mandibular first molars) as well as for the lateral incisors in large-breed patients. Root canal therapy removes the necrotic pulp and hermetically seals the canal with materials that allow the tooth to remain in the mouth for the life of the patient. The success rate of root canal therapy is over 90%. In many cases, a full-coverage crown is recommended.

While the success rate for surgical extraction is 100% (provided dental radiography is performed after the procedure to confirm complete extraction), it does have limitations and consequences. First, extractions can cause more pain than endodontic therapy and require a longer recovery period. If the patient likes to retrieve objects or chew, removing a strategic tooth may compromise that aspect of its life. Removing a mandibular canine tooth has its own unique set of risks involved as well, such as mandibular fracture or trauma to adjacent incisors and premolars. The tongue may also loll or fall to one side once the canine is removed.

Patients with intrinsically stained teeth deserve better than a wait-and-see approach. Give these pets high-quality care by giving their teeth a closer look.

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3.6 mg

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Brief Summary of Prescribing Information

For oral use in dogs only

Caution: Federal (USA) Law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian. Indications: Control of pruritus associated with allergic dermatitis and control of atopic dermatitis in dogs at least 12 months of age.

Dosage and Administration: The dose of APOQUEL (oclacitinib maleate) tablets is 0.18 to 0.27 mg oclacitinib/lb (0.4 to 0.6 mg oclacitinib/kg) body weight, administered orally, twice daily for up to 14 days, and then administered once daily for maintenance therapy. APOQUEL may be administered with or without food.

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APOQUEL is not for use in dogs less than 12 months of age (see Animal Safety).

APOQUEL is not for use in dogs with serious infections.

APOQUEL may increase susceptibility to infection, including demodicosis, and exacerbate neoplastic conditions (see Adverse Reactions and Animal Safety).

Human Warnings:

This product is not for human use. Keep this and all drugs out of reach of children. For use in dogs only. Wash hands immediately after handling the tablets. In case of accidental eye contact, flush immediately with water or saline for at least 15 minutes and then seek medical attention. In case of accidental ingestion, seek medical attention immediately.

Precautions:

APOQUEL is not for use in breeding dogs, or pregnant or lactating bitches.

The use of APOQUEL has not been evaluated in combination with glucocorticoids, cyclosporine, or other systemic immunosuppressive agents.

Dogs receiving APOQUEL should be monitored for the development of infections, including demodicosis, and neoplasia.

Adverse Reactions:

Control of Atopic Dermatitis

In a masked field study to assess the effectiveness and safety of oclacitinib for the control of atopic dermatitis in dogs, 152 dogs treated with APOQUEL and 147 dogs treated with placebo (vehicle control) were evaluated for safety. The majority of dogs in the placebo group withdrew from the 112-day study by Day 16. Adverse reactions reported (and percent of dogs affected) during Days 0-16 included diarrhea (4.6% APOQUEL, 3.4% placebo), vomiting (3.9% APOQUEL, 4.1% placebo), anorexia (2.6% APOQUEL, 0% placebo), new cutaneous or subcutaneous lump (2.6% APOQUEL, 2.7% placebo), and lethargy (2.0% APOQUEL, 1.4% placebo). In most cases, diarrhea, vomiting, anorexia, and lethargy spontaneously resolved with continued dosing. Dogs on APOQUEL had decreased leukocytes (neutrophil, eosinophil, and monocyte counts) and serum globulin, and increased cholesterol and lipase compared to the placebo group but group means remained within the normal range. Mean lymphocyte counts were transiently increased at Day 14 in the APOQUEL group.

Dogs that withdrew from the masked field study could enter an unmasked study where all dogs received APOQUEL. Between the masked and unmasked study, 283 dogs received at least one dose of APOQUEL. Of these 283 dogs, two dogs were withdrawn from study due to suspected treatment-related adverse reactions: one dog that had an intense flare-up of dermatitis and severe secondary pyoderma after 19 days of APOQUEL administration, and one dog that developed generalized demodicosis after 28 days of APOQUEL administration. Two other dogs on APOQUEL were withdrawn from study due to suspected or confirmed malignant neoplasia and subsequently euthanized, including one dog that developed signs associated with a heart base mass after 21 days of APOQUEL administration, and one dog that developed a Grade III mast cell tumor after 60 days of APOQUEL administration. One of the 147 dogs in the placebo group developed a Grade I mast cell tumor and was withdrawn from the masked study. Additional dogs receiving APOQUEL were hospitalized for diagnosis and treatment of pneumonia (one dog), transient bloody vomiting and stool (one dog), and cystitis with urolithiasis (one dog).

In the 283 dogs that received APOQUEL, the following additional clinical signs were reported after beginning APOQUEL (percentage of dogs with at least one report of the clinical sign as a non-pre-existing finding); pyoderma (12.0%), non-specified dermal lumps (12.0%), otitis (9.9%), vomiting (9.2%), diarrhea (6.0%), histiocytoma (3.9%), cystitis (3.5%), anorexia (3.2%), lethargy (2.8%), yeast skin infections (2.5%), pododermatitis (2.5%), lipoma (2.1%), polydipsia (1.4%), lymphadenopathy (1.1%), nausea (1.1%), increased appetite (1.1%), aggression (1.1%), and

Control of Pruritus Associated with Allergic Dermatitis

In a masked field study to assess the effectiveness and safety of oclacitinib for the control of pruritus associated with allergic dermatitis in dogs, 216 dogs treated with APOQUEL and 220 dogs treated with placebo (vehicle control) were evaluated for safety. During the 30-day study, there were no fatalities and no adverse reactions requiring hospital care. Adverse reactions reported (and percent of dogs affected) during Days 0-7 included diarrhea (2.3% APOQUEL, 0.9% placebo), vomiting (2.3% APOQUEL, 1.8% placebo), lethargy (1.8% APOQUEL, 1.4% placebo), anorexía (1.4% APOQUEL, 0% placebo), and polydipsia (1.4% APOQUEL, 0% placebo). In most of these cases, signs spontaneously resolved with continued dosing. Five APOQUEL group dogs were withdrawn from study because of: darkening areas of skin and fur (1 dog); diarrhea (1 dog); fever, lethargy and cystitis (1 dog); an inflamed footpad and vomiting (1 dog); and diarrhea, vomiting, and lethargy (1 dog). Dogs in the APOQUEL group had a slight decrease in mean white blood cell counts (neutrophil, eosinophil, and monocyte counts) that remained within the normal reference range. Mean lymphocyte count for dogs in the APOQUEL group increased at Day 7, but returned to pretreatment levels by study end without a break in APOQUEL administration. Serum cholesterol increased in 25% of APOQUEL group dogs, but mean cholesterol remained within the reference

Continuation Field Study

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APOQUEL field studies, 239 dogs enrolled in an unmasked (no placebo control),
continuation therapy study receiving APOQUEL for an unrestricted period of time. Mean time
on this study was 372 days (range 1 to 610 days). Of these 239 dogs, one dog developed
demodicosis following 273 days of APOQUEL administration. One dog developed demodicosis following 273 days of APOQUEL administration. pigmented viral plaques following 266 days of APOQUEL administration. One dog developed a moderately severe bronchopneumonia after 272 days of APOQUEL administration; this infection resolved with antimicrobial treatment and temporary discontinuation of APOQUEL. One dog was euthanized after developing abdominal ascites and pleural effusion of unknown etiology after 450 days of APOQUEL administration. Six dogs were euthanized because of suspected malignant neoplasms: including thoracic metastatic, abdominal metastatic, splenic, frontal sinus, and intracranial neoplasms, and transitional cell carcinoma after 17, 120, 175, 49, 141, and 286 days of APOQUEL administration, respectively. Two dogs each developed a Grade II mast cell tumor after 52 and 91 days of APOQUEL administration, respectively. One dog developed low grade B-cell lymphoma after 392 days of APOQUEL administration. Two dogs each developed an apocrine gland ádenocarcinoma (one dermal, one anal sac) after approximately 210 and 320 days of APOQUEL administration, respectively. One dog developed a low grade oral spindle cell sarcoma after 320 days of APOQUEL administration.

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Storage Conditions:

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A case study: First-line defense against canine pruritus with secondary pyoderma

Imost 70 percent of dog owners said their dog has experienced scratching, itching or other listed* symptoms in the past year,¹ according to an online survey conducted by Harris Poll and commissioned by Zoetis in 2015. As a veterinary professional, you probably aren't surprised by this number, which is consistent with industry analyses showing that skin allergies are the top medical condition prompting canine veterinary visits.^{2,3}

Yet, millions of dogs suffering from skin allergies never see a veterinarian for treatment. Many of their owners, instead, try to diagnose the condition themselves and seek relief with over-the-counter remedies that often don't work. This enables the itching to progress and cause further damage. In fact, research shows that up to 66 percent of dogs with atopic dermatitis have a concurrent yeast or bacterial skin infection.⁴

The escalation of itch can create sleepless nights and an aversion to playing or going for walks, significantly

affecting the dogs' quality of life and disrupting the close bond with their families.

An example: Allergic itch and secondary pyoderma

Gunner, a playful 12-yearold Golden Retriever, is an example of how devastating pruritus accompanied by secondary pyoderma can

be. Whitney Stringman, Gunner's owner, noticed he was scratching intensely. Gunner's condition escalated to a large hot spot in a matter of days, so Stringman took him to Dr. John Hutchens, a veterinarian at Westmoreland & Slappey Animal Hospital in Perry, Georgia.

Dr. Hutchens knew that quickly treating both the severe allergic itch and the secondary pyoderma was crucial to helping Gunner

— and to relieving his client's distress. That's why he turned to APOQUEL® (oclacitinib tablet) for Gunner's allergic itch and CONVENIA® (cefovecin sodium) for Gunner's pyoderma.

"Because of the severity of Gunner's case, I took no chances with our treatment and gave Gunner his first dose of APOQUEL while he was still in my office," Dr. Hutchens said. "CONVENIA was a great option for Gunner's hot spots because of the high rate of treatment success with only one injection; also, Whitney wouldn't have to worry about administering an antibiotic at home."

APOQUEL and CONVENIA are the new standard of care, in my opinion. With the anti-itch therapy as well as the antibiotic therapy, you're taking care of both conditions at the same time very effectively and quickly.

— John Hutchens, DVM

After the veterinary visit, Stringman felt confident in the treatment plan when she saw the rapid results.

"Once I left the clinic knowing Gunner had received the first dose of APOQUEL and the CONVENIA injection — and saw the relief in Gunner — I felt relief myself," she said.

Stringman reported that within hours, Gunner wasn't chewing or scratching as much. He was back to playing with his family and acting like himself again.

Because of what Dr. Hutchens experienced with Gunner and other cases, he now relies on these medications as his first-line treatment for dogs with acute and seasonal allergies that present with secondary pyoderma.

Before



To quickly relieve Gunner's suffering from severe allergic itch and secondary pyoderma, Dr. Hutchens prescribed APOQUEL and CONVENIA.

Creating real-world success with a winning duo

"APOQUEL and CONVENIA are the new standard of care, in my opinion," Dr. Hutchens said. "With the anti-itch therapy as well as the antibiotic therapy, you're taking care of both conditions at the same time very effectively and quickly."

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Together, APOQUEL and CONVENIA allow the dog and the pet owner to get back to their life together — and reinforce their trust in the outstanding care you and your clinic team provide during each and every visit.

An opportunity: Educating clients about the itch cycle

Today, we not only understand more about the canine itch cycle, but veterinarians also have access to treatment options to make a vital difference for Gunner and other dogs. Armed with these resources, there is no better time to bring itch to the forefront of your discussions with pet owners.

These conversations help clients understand the importance of providing itch relief with APOQUEL before scratching causes further damage. However, if a secondary pyoderma is present, you can turn to CONVENIA to deliver first-time treatment success.



Seeing Gunner's rapid relief reinforced Whitney Stringman's confidence in Dr. Hutchens' treatment plan, which featured APOQUEL and CONVENIA.

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*Sixty-nine percent of dog owners said their dog has experienced scratching or itching, licking of feet/paws, head shaking/ear rubbing, rubbing on carpet or furniture, or biting/chewing in the last year.

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Survey Methodology: This survey was conducted online within the United States by Harris Poll on behalf of Zoetis from March 30 - April 26, 2015, among 4,052 adults ages 18 and older (among which, 1,665 are dog owners). This online survey is not based on a probability sample and, therefore, no estimate of theoretical sampling error can be calculated. For complete survey methodology, including weighting variables, contact Lindsey Goodman at Igoodman@archermalmo.com.

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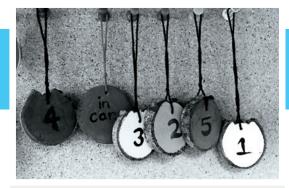
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^{**}In clinical studies, a single injection of CONVENIA was clinically equivalent to a 14-day antibiotic regimen.



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Brief Summary of Prescribing Information

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INDICATIONS:

CONVENIA is indicated for the treatment of skin infections (secondary superficial pyoderma, abscesses, and wounds) in dogs caused by susceptible strains of Staphylococcus intermedius and Streptococcus canis (Group G).

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CONTRAINDICATIONS: CONVENIA is contraindicated in dogs and cats with known allergy to cefovecin or to β-lactam (penicillins and cephalosporins) group antimicrobials. Anaphylaxis has been reported with the use of this product in foreign market experience. If an allergic reaction or anaphylaxis occurs, CONVENIA should not be administered again and appropriate therapy should be instituted. Anaphylaxis may require treatment with epinephrine and other emergency measures, including oxygen, intravenous fluids, intravenous antihistamine, corticosteroids, and airway management, as clinically indicated. Adverse reactions may require prolonged treatment due to the prolonged systemic drug clearance (65 days).

WARNINGS: Not for use in humans. Keep this and all drugs out of reach of children. Consult a physician in case of accidental human exposure. For subcutaneous use in dogs and cats only. Antimicrobial drugs, including penicillins and cephalosporins, can cause allergic reactions in sensitized individuals. To minimize the possibility of allergic reactions, those handling such antimicrobials, including cefovecin, are advised to avoid direct contact of the product with the skin and mucous membranes.

PRECAUTIONS: Prescribing antibacterial drugs in the absence of a proven or strongly suspected bacterial infection is unlikely to provide benefit to treated animals and may increase the risk of the development of drug-resistant animal pathogens.

The safe use of CONVENIA in dogs or cats less than 4 months of age and in breeding or lactating animals has not been determined. Safety has not been established for IM or IV administration. The long-term effects on injection sites have not been determined. CONVENIA is slowly eliminated from the body, approximately 65 days is needed to eliminate 97% of the administered dose from the body. Animals experiencing an adverse reaction may need to be monitored for this duration.

CONVENIA has been shown in an experimental in vitro system to result in an increase in free concentrations of carprofen, furosemide, doxycycline,

and ketoconazole. Concurrent use of these or other drugs that have a high degree of protein-binding (e.g. NSAIDs, propofol, cardiac, anticonvulsant, and behavioral medications) may compete with cefovecin-binding and cause adverse reactions

Positive direct Coombs' test results and false positive reactions for glucose in the urine have been reported during treatment with some cephalosporin antimicrobials. Cephalosporin antimicrobials may also cause falsely elevated urine protein determinations. Some antimicrobials, including cephalosporins, can cause lowered albumin values due to interference with certain testing methods.

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ADVERSE REACTIONS:

A total of 320 dogs, ranging in age from 8 weeks to 19 years, were included in a field study safety analysis. Adverse reactions reported in dogs treated with CONVENIA and the active control are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2: Number of Dogs* with Adverse Reactions Reported During the Field Study with CONVENIA.

Adverse Reaction	CONVENIA (n=157)	Active Control (n=163)
Lethargy	2	7
Anorexia/Decreased Appetite	5	8
Vomiting	6	12
Diarrhea	6	7
Blood in Feces	1	2
Dehydration	0	1
Flatulence	1	0
Increased Borborygmi	1	0

*Some dogs may have experienced more than one adverse reaction or more than one occurrence of the same adverse reaction during the study. Mild to moderate elevations in serum γ -glutamyl trans-ferase or serum alanine aminotransferase were noted post-treatment in several of the CONVENIAtreated dogs. No clinical abnormalities were noted with these findings.

One CONVENIA-treated dog in a separate field study experienced diarrhea post-treatment lasting 4 weeks. The diarrhea resolved.

A total of 291 cats, ranging in age from 2.4 months (1 cat) to 21 years, were included in the field study safety analysis. Adverse reactions reported in cats treated with CONVENIA and the active control are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3: Number of Cats* with Adverse Reactions Reported During the Field Study with CONVENIA.

Adverse Reaction	CONVENIA (n=157)	Active Control (n=163)
Vomiting	10	14
Diarrhea	7	26
Anorexia/Decreased Appetite	6	6
Lethargy	6	6
Hyper/Acting Strange	1	1
Inappropriate Urination	1	0

*Some cats may have experienced more than one adverse reaction or more than one occurrence of the same adverse reaction during the study Four CONVENIA cases had mildly elevated post-study ALT (1 case was elevated pre-study). No clinical abnormalities were noted with these findings.

Twenty-four CONVENIA cases had normal pre-study BUN values and elevated post-study BUN values (37–39 mg/dL post-study). There were 6 CONVENIA cases with normal pre- and mildly to moderately elevated post-study creatinine values. Two of these cases also had an elevated post-study BUN. No clinical abnormalities were noted with these findings.

One CONVENIA-treated cat in a separate field study experienced diarrhea post-treatment lasting 42 days. The diarrhea resolved.

FOREIGN MARKET EXPERIENCE: The following adverse events were reported voluntarily during post-approval use of the product in dogs and cats in foreign markets: death, tremors/ataxia, seizures, anaphylaxis, acute pulmonary edema, facial edema, injection site reactions (alopecia, scabs, necrosis, and erythema), hemolytic anemia, salivation, pruritus, lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea, and inappetance.

For a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet, (MSDS) or to report a suspected adverse reaction call Zoetis Inc. at 1-888-963-8471.

STORAGE INFORMATION:

Store the powder and the reconstituted product in the original carton, refrigerated at 2° to 8° C (36° to 46° F). Use the entire contents of the vial within 56 days of reconstitution. PROTECT FROM LIGHT. After each use it is important to return the unused portion back to the refrigerator in the original carton. As with other cephalosporins, the color of the solution may vary from clear to amber at reconstitution and may darken over time. If stored as recommended, solution color does not adversely affect potency.

HOW SUPPLIED:

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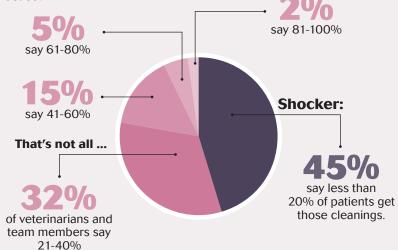
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What you don't know about veterinary dental care may shock you

How many pets are getting adequate dental care at your practice?

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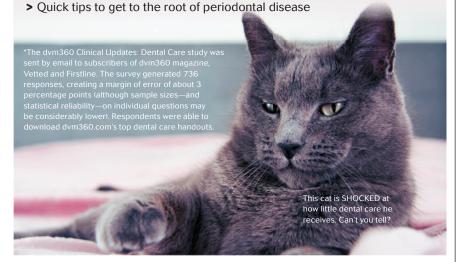
What percentage of active patients who could benefit from dental care do you believe receive an annual professional dental cleaning at your practice?



Are you sitting there saying, well, what can I do? Turns out, you can be the change you want to see in ... er, the mouths of pets everywhere. Here's a quick rundown of resources to help (get them by scanning the code).



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Hospital design

Let there be (natural) light

Pet Emergency Clinic & Referral Center of Spokane, Washington, sheds some light on what makes their new space great.



esearch has shown that giving veterinary team members and patients access to natural light not only improves their mood, but may help patients heal faster. In the veterinary industry, efficiency is key. And when it comes to efficient specialty clinics, the 2017 Veterinary Economics Hospital Design Competition's Specialty Practice Hospital of the Year delivers. Michael O'Dea, DVM, hospital manager and ER veterinarian at Pet Emergency Clinic & Referral Center (PEC), gives an in-depth tour of the facility and talks about the bells and whistles this specialty clinic has to offer, all while building in plenty of natural light.

Exam room

All 10 exam rooms at PEC have two doors—one for clients and one for staff. This allows clients to easily exit back into the lobby and staff members to sneak out the back. These exam rooms feature City View tile that is durable and easy to clean, a radiograph illuminator, overhead cabinet and workstation storage and colorful pet portraits. They also contain windows that invite lots of natural light to the space.

"On sunny days, too much light can inhibit seeing computer screens, so the last several months we've been upgrading the windows," Dr. O'Dea says.

Adding a layer of "window frosting" helps keep the light situation under control.



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Treatment

The old clinic did not have an abundance of natural light and now (behold!) there are skylights in the treatment area. And that's not the only improvement.



"In the new building the kennels are in the treatment area, with plenty of cages. We also have more oxygen capacity for critically ill patients," Dr. O'Dea says.

The team wanted to keep the treatment zone as open as possible. From the charting stations, the team members can see all the way through treatment and from treatment into surgery.

Lobby

Tongue-andgroove pine wood vaulted ceilings serve both structural and aesthetic roles, giving the clinic an open, airy feel. Large windows surround the lobby, allowing natural light to help soothe anxious pets and clients. Modern circular pendant



lighting illuminates the space after the sun sets.

"We didn't set out to build the Taj Mahal of veterinary clinics," says Dr. O'Dea. "But you look at the grand space of the new lobby and that's almost what it feels like."

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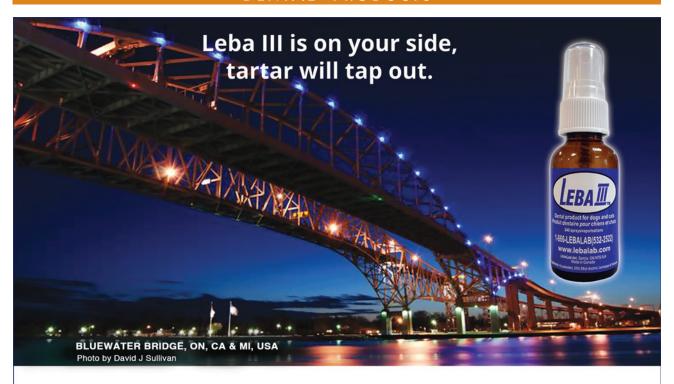
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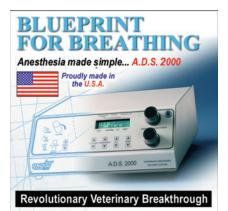
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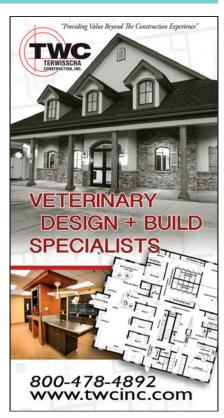
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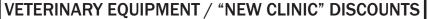
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Carprieve® (carprofen) Chewable Tablets

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug For oral use in dogs only

CAUTION: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

INDICATIONS: Carprieve is indicated for the relief of pain and inflammation associated with osteoarthritis and for the control of postoperative pain associated with soft tissue and orthopedic surgeries in dogs.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: Carprieve should not be used in dogs exhibiting previous hypersensitivity to carprofen

WARNINGS: Keep out of reach of children. Not for human use. Consult a physician in cases of accidental ingestion by humans. **For use in dogs only**. Do not use in cats.

All dogs should undergo a thorough history and physical examination before initiation of NSAID therapy. Appropriate laboratory tests to establish hematological and serum biochemical baseline data prior to, and periodically during, administration of any NSAID should be considered. Owners should be advised to observe for signs of potential drug toxicity.

PRECAUTIONS: As a class, cyclooxygenase inhibitory NSAIDs may be associated with gastrointestinal, renal, and hepatic toxicity. The most frequently reported effects have been gastrointestinal signs. Events involving suspected renal, hematologic, neurologic, dermatologic, and hepatic effects have also been reported. Patients at greatest risk for renal toxicity are those that are dehydrated, on concomitant diuretic therapy, or those with renal, cardiovascular, and/or hepatic dysfunction. Concurrent administration of potentially nephrotoxic drugs should be approached cautiously, with appropriate monitoring. Concomitant use of carprofen with other anti-inflammatory drugs, such as other NSAIDs or corricosteroids, should be avoided because of the potential increase of adverse reactions, including gastrointestinal ulcerations and/or perforations.

Carprieve is not recommended for use in dogs with bleeding disorders (e.g., Von Willebrand's disease), as safety has not been established in dogs with these disorders. The safe use of Carprieve in animals less than 6 weeks of age, pregnant dogs, dogs used for breeding purposes, or in lactating bitches has not been established.

Due to the liver flavoring contained in Carprieve chewable tablets, store out of the reach of dogs and in a secured area.

INFORMATION FOR DOG OWNERS:

Carprieve, like other drugs of its class, is not free from adverse reactions. Owners should be advised of the potential for adverse reactions and be informed of the clinical signs associated with drug intolerance. Adverse reactions may include decreased appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, dark or tarry stools, increased water consumption, increased unination, pale gums due to anemia, yellowing of gums, skin or white of the eye due to jaundice, lethargy, incoordination, seizure, or

behavioral changes. Serious adverse reactions associated with this drug class can occur without warning and in rare situations result in death (see Adverse Reactions). Owners should be advised to discontinue Carprieve therapy and contact their veterinarian immediately if signs of intolerance are observed.

ADVERSE REACTIONS: During investigational studies for the caplet ADVERSE REACTIONS: During investigational studies for the caplet formulation with twice daily administration of 1 mg/lb, no clinically significant adverse reactions were reported. Some clinical signs were observed during field studies (n=297) which were similar for carprofen caplet- and placebo-treated dogs. Incidences of the following were observed in both groups: vomiting (4%), diarrhea (4%), changes in appetite (3%), lettangy (1.4%), behavioral changes (1%), and constipation (0.3%). The product vehicle served as control. There were no serious adverse events reported during clinical field studies with once daily administration of 2 mg/lb. The following categories of abnormal health observations were reported. The product vehicle served as control.

Percentage of Dogs with Abnormal Health Observations Reported in Clinical Field Study (2 mg/lb once daily)

Observation	Carproten (n=129)	Placebo (n=132)
Inappetence	1.6	1.5
Vomiting	3.1	3.8
Diarrhea/Soft stool	3.1	4.5
Behavior change	0.8	0.8
Dermatitis -	0.8	0.8
PU/PD	0.8	
SAP increase	7.8	8.3
ALT increase	5.4	4.5
AST increase	2.3	0.8
BUN increase	3.1	1.5
Bilirubinuria	16.3	12.1
Kotonuria	1/1.7	9.1

Clinical pathology parameters listed represent reports of increases from pre-treatment values; medical judgment is necessary to determine clinical relevance. During investigational studies of surgical pain for the caplet formulation, no clinically significant adverse reactions were reported. The product vehicle served as control.

Percentage of Dogs with Abnormal Health Observations Reported in Surgical Pain Field Studies with Caplets (2 mg/lb once daily)

Observation*	Carprofen (n=148)	Placebo (n=149)
Vomiting	10.1	13.4
Diarrhea/Soft stool	6.1	6.0
Ocular disease	2.7	0
Inappetence Dermatitis/Skin lesion	1.4	0
Dermatitis/Skin lesion	2.0	1.3
Dysrhythmia	0.7	0
Apnea	1.4	0
Oral/Periodontal disea		0
Pyrexia	0.7	1.3
Urinary tract disease Wound drainage	1.4 1.4	1.3
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A single dog may have experienced more than one occurrence of an

During investigational studies for the chewable tablet formulation.

gastrointestinal signs were observed in some dogs. These signs included vomiting and soft stools. Post-Approval Experience:
Although not all adverse reactions are reported, the following adverse reactions are based on voluntary post-approval adverse drug experience reactions. reporting.

The categories of adverse reactions are listed in decreasing order of frequency by body system.

Gastrointestinal: Vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, inappetence, melena, hematemesis, gastrointestinal ulceration, gastrointestinal bleeding,

Hepatic: Inappetence, vomiting, jaundice, acute hepatic toxicity, hepatic enzyme elevation, abnormal liver function test(s), hyperbilirubinemia, bilirubinuria, hypoalbuminemia. Approximately one-fourth of hepatic reports were in Labrador Retrievers.

Neurologic: Ataxia, paresis, paralysis, seizures, vestibular signs

disorientation. Urinary: Hematuria, polyuria, polydipsia, urinary incontinence, urinary tract infection, azotemia, acute renal failure, tubular abnormalities including acute tubular necrosis, renal tubular acidosis, glucosuria.

Behavioral: Sedation, lethargy, hyperactivity, restlessness, aggressiveness. Hematologic: Immune-mediated hemolytic anemia, immune-mediated thrombocytopenia, blood loss anemia, epistaxis.

Dermatologic: Pruritus, increased shedding, alopecia, pyotraumatic moist dermatitis (hot spots), necrotizing panniculitis/vasculitis, ventral ecchymosis.

Immunologic or hypersensitivity: Facial swelling, hives, erythema

In rare situations, death has been associated with some of the adverse reactions listed above.

To report a suspected adverse reaction call 1-866-591-5777.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION: Always provide Client Information Sheet with prescription. Carefully consider the potential benefits and risk of Carprieve and other treatment options before deciding to use Carprieve. Use the lowest effective dose for the shortest duration consistent with individual response. The recommended dosage for oral administration to dogs is 2 mg/lb of body weight daily. The total daily dose may be administered as 2 mg/lb of body weight once daily or divided and administered as 1 mg/lb twice daily. For the control of postoperative pain, administer approximately 2 hours before the procedure.

See product insert for complete dosing and administration information.

STORAGE: Store 25 mg and 75 mg Carprieve chewable tablets at 59-86°F (15-30°C). Store 100 mg Carprieve chewable tablets at controlled room temperature, 68-77°F (20-25°C). Use half-tablet within 30 days.

HOW SUPPLIED: Carprieve chewable tablets are scored, and contain 25 mg, 75 mg, or 100 mg of carprofen per tablet. Each tablet size is packaged in bottles containing 30, 60, or 180 tablets.

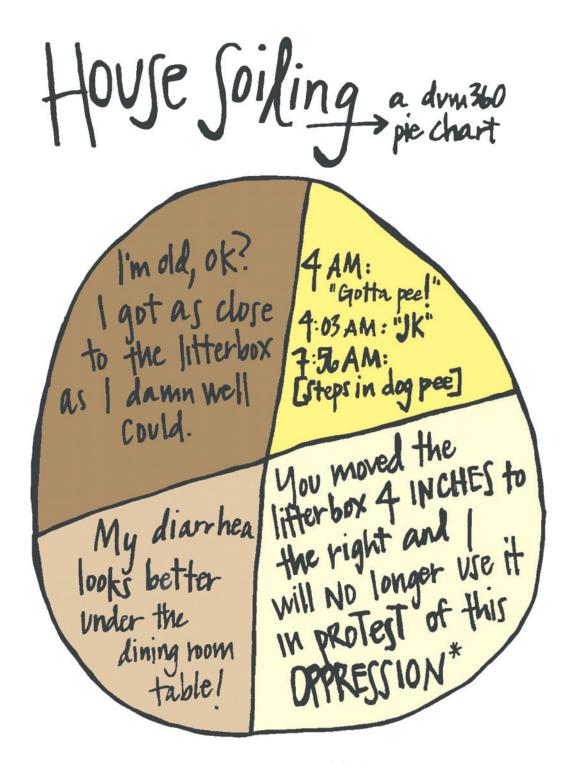
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*In case you couldn't tell, this is a joke.

And although results of one large survey say that 66% of cat owners think their cats soiled outside of the litterbox to spite them, 1 you know better. (To be clear, we don't fault you for giggling.) For more resources to help clients understand and deal with inappropriate elimination in their pets, flip back to page 12, or visit dvm360.com/felineeliminate.



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