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A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she lay her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest. After a moment, the vet shook his head sadly and said, "I'm so sorry, 'Cuddles' has passed away". The distressed owner waited, "Are you sure"? "Yes I'm sure", he replied. "How can you be so sure", she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something!"

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head. The vet took the dog out and returned a few moments later with a beautiful cat. The cat jumped up on to the table and also delicately sniffed at the bird. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head and meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I have said, this is most definitely 100% certifiable a dead duck." Then the vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill which he handed to the woman. The duck's owner still in shock took the bill. She cried –"\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead?!!" The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry, if you'd taken my word for it the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab report and the Cat scan....."

CONTINUOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

WSAVA Continuing Education

WSAVA 2004 Neurology CE was successfully hosted by MSAVA and organized by Centras of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at UPM and it was attended by a good crowd of practicing veterinarian and veterinary students on 3rd and 4th of July 2004. The lectures and wet lab practical were conducted by world renown neurologist,

Post Graduate Foundation CE

Topic	Where Internal Medicine meets Diagnostic Ultrasound
Course Type	Time Out
Date	29th Aug 2004
Venue	Sydney

Topic	Endocrinology & Infectious Diseases
Course Type	Major Course
Date	20th Sept – 24th Sept 2004
Venue	ANA, Hotel Gold Coast Surfers Paradise , Queensland Australia
Speakers	Drs. Deborah Greco, Severine Tasker & Sarah Caney

Topic	Cardiology
Course Type	Time Out
Date	17th Oct 2004
Venue	Adelaide , Australia
Speakers	Dr. Brad Gavaghan

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2004 World Veterinary Congress

The upcoming 29th WSAVA World Congress will be held in Greece from October 6th to 9th 2004. The event will take place on the island of Rhodes in conjunction with the 10th FECAVA European Congress and the 7th Hellenic Veterinary Medical Society Congress. Next year the 30th WSAVA World Congress will be held in Mexico from June 1st to 4th 2005.

The 2003 WSAVA Awards goes to

WSAVA Iams Paatsama Award

Professor Ake Hedhammar (Sweden)
- *Overnutrition in Great Danes.*

WSAVA Hills Award

Dr. Phillip Bergman (USA)
- *Excellence in Veterinary Healthcare.*

WSAVA Waltham International Award

Dr. Robert Peiffer (USA)
- *Innovations in Intraocular Surgery.*
Dr. Maggie Gething (Ireland)
- *Honorary Secretary of WSAVA.*

WSAVA NEWS (.. cont)

WSAVA Lends Support to Russian Veterinarians

In the fall of 2003, the Russian government declared war on illicit drugs. As part of this action, officials banned the use of ketamine by veterinarians in an effort to avert diversion of this drug into the Russian drug trade. However, ketamine is widely used by Russian veterinarians to anaesthetize animals for various surgical procedures and is one of the few drugs available in Russia for this purpose. As a solution, authorities recommended that veterinarians make use of alternative products when in reality the only other option in many cases were paralyzing drugs that were considered inhumane as single agents.

The result of this ban was that many surgical procedures were either delayed or cancelled, including sterilization programs designed to address Moscow's growing pet overpopulation problem. The Russian veterinary profession and animal welfare groups responded with an awareness campaign highlighting their plight and the plight of the animals they were attempting to treat as well as a call for support from their colleagues in other countries.

The former resulted in Russian Ministry of Agriculture committing to review their decision and the latter brought support from many national and international veterinary medical associations, including a letter from the WSAVA written by WSAVA president, Dr. Gabriel Varga.

To date, the outcome has been a temporary lifting of the ban as authorities review the additional information and meet with representatives of the Russian veterinary profession.

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Honorary Secretary of MSAVA resigned

Dr. S. Sathivale has tendered his resignation on the 30th May 2004 due to inability to cope with the responsibility of the arrival of his new baby and busy workload as a vet. Committee has accepted his resignation and thank him for all his contributions and sacrifice during his tenure as an honorary secretary.

Non veterinarian practicing

There were 2 complaints from Bangi and Nilai stating that non veterinarians are consulting in the veterinary clinic. President of MSAVA has already wrote and informed the Veterinary Council about this issues.

MSAVA 14th AGM

The annual AGM will be held on Saturday the 11th September 2004 at Hotel Singgahsana, Persiaran Barat, Off Jalan Sultan, Petaling Jaya, Selangor. The annual Fraternity Night Dinner and Dance will be held on the same day but at different venue which is at The Lake View Club, Subang Jaya, Selangor.

VAM NEWS

VAM will be having The 11th International Conference of the Association of Institutions for Tropical Veterinary Medicine and 16th Veterinary Association Malaysia Congress. It will be held from 23rd Aug to 27th Aug 2004 at Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre, PJ.

MISCELLANEOUS

Recall Pedigree Dry Dog & Whiskas Dry Cat Food

DKSH's principal Effem Foods, has made decision to recall Pedigree Dry dog Food & Whiskas Dry Cat Food that was manufactured at a plant in Thailand because of concerns about raw material quality. This recall also applied to Pedigree Dog's Delight Ringo, Dog's Delight Tasty Bone & Puppy Biscuit dog treats that was manufactured at the Thailand plant.

It was concluded that there were 2 toxins produced by mold which were identified, were ochratoxin and citrinin. Both are known to have nephrotoxic effects. Any further inquiries, do call Dr. Susan Wan of Effem Foods on 03-78443303.

QUICK QUIZ (True or False)

- A) Antiemetics have similar efficacy in dogs and cats because the neurotransmitters involved in emesis are similar in the dog and the cat.
- B) An animal which is vomiting but does not have diarrhea is unlikely to have primary gastrointestinal disease.
- C) In an animal with primary gastrointestinal disease, serum biochemistry and haematology values are most useful in providing information on the metabolic effect of vomiting in an animal rather than the cause.
- D) Moderate (two-three times normal) elevations in serum amylase and lipase values may occur in non-pancreatic disorders in dogs.
- E) Serum amylase and lipase values are valuable in the diagnosis of pancreatitis in cats.
- F) A normal serum lipase level in a dog excludes a diagnosis of pancreatitis.
- G) Anticholinergic drugs are effective and safe antiemetics for many causes of vomiting in dogs and cats.

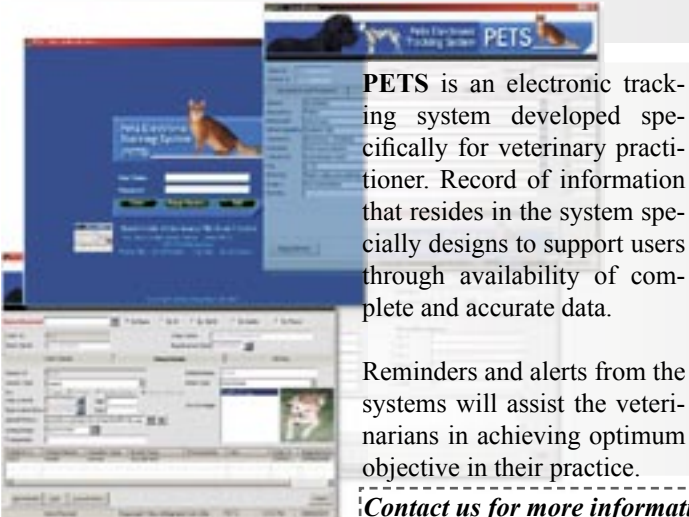
ANSWER:

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MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY FOR THE DUMMIES

- ANTIBODY : against everyone
ARTERY : the study of fine paintings
BACTERIA : back door to a cafeteria
BENIGN : what you be after you be eight
BOWEL : letters like A, E, I, O, or U
CAESAREAN SECT : a district in Rome
CARDIOLOGY : advanced study of poker playing
CAT SCAN : searching for ones lost kitty
CAUTERIZE : made eye contact with her
COMA : a punctuation mark
CONGENITAL : friendly
CORTISONE : the local courthouse
D & C : where Washington is
DILATE : to live longer
ENEMA : not a friend
ER : the things on your head that you hear with
FIBRILLATE : to tell lies
GENES : blue denim slacks
HEMORRHOID : a male from outer space
IMPOTENT : distinguished, well known
LABOR PAIN : hurt at work
MINOR OPERATION : somebody else's
ORGAN TRANSPLANT : what you do to your piano when you move
PARALYZE : two far-fetched stories
PATHOLOGICAL : a reasonable way to go
PHARMACIST : person who makes a living dealing in agriculture
PROTEIN : in favor of young people
RED BLOOD COUNT : Dracula
RHEUMATIC : amorous
SECRETION : hiding anything
TABLET : a small table
TERMINAL ILLNESS : getting sick at the airport
TIBIA : country in North Africa
TRIPLE BYPASS : better than a quarterback sneak
TUMOR : an extra pair
URINE : opposite of "you're out"
VARICOSE : very close
VEIN : conceited

Pets Electronic Tracking System



PETS is an electronic tracking system developed specifically for veterinary practitioners. Record of information that resides in the system specially designs to support users through availability of complete and accurate data.

Reminders and alerts from the systems will assist the veterinarians in achieving optimum objective in their practice.

Features

- Cost Effective Solution - no need for third party software/hardware for system to run
- Attractive and user friendly
- Modular base systems .. and more

Benefits

- Management of Patient/Client Information
- Search Look up previous cases as knowledge management library
- Integrated billing system with client information to provide accurate and effective billing management
- Improve clinic operation by automated task handling
- Veterinarians can focus on professional practice leaving mundane day-to-day job to PETS
- Increase profitability true efficient conduct of business in the clinic .. and more

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Computer Viruses

By Kevin Chua

Computer viruses have become more and more malicious. In fact, nowadays, with programming tools available off the net and in the stores, anyone could write a small computer program to create a virus. Originally, viruses were written to test loopholes in computer systems. As time went on, some smart hackers discovered that it could also be used to snoop into home users' personal computers and cause massive destruction to computers.

It appears that there is no way anyone could stop viruses from being created. There are thousands of viruses (including variants) out there, and each day, someone somewhere is creating a virus. As computer users, we need to know how to avoid viruses from getting into our precious data.

Invest in a good virus scanning and cleaning software. There are many brands in the market; some even offer free yearly updates, while others need annual subscriptions for updates. Get either one, and do ensure that the virus database is updated regularly (once a month, at least). Trying to save some cash by not updating could be the most foolish thing to do.

The most important lesson to learn in this century is that viruses spread even more quickly through the internet. As such, it is vital that prior installing programs into our hard disks, we should have the program scanned by a virus scanner. Also, be careful of the source of the download. Do not download from a website that you're suspicious of, or from an unknown website.

Our e-mails are very vulnerable to attacks by Trojans. The trojans reveal themselves as e-mails from friends whom you know, but contain attachments that could wipe out your entire hard disk if you open the attachment. The safest bet is, if you see an attachment from your friend, check out the name of the attachment. If it ends in *.exe, or *.pif, or *.vbs, there's a high possibility that a virus is present in the attachment. Delete them immediately. The virus scanner will not be able to detect the virus if the database has not been updated.

You need to borrow a disk from your friend? Be extra careful. Don't take things for granted; just because your best friend is trustworthy, it doesn't mean the disk is free from virus. Your friend might not even know that his own computer has been infected by virus. So, please scan your disks before you open the document.

What happens if your computer has been infected, and your virus scanner has failed to detect it? Well, some viruses are more forgiving. You might surf the website of the antivirus software vendor and try to see if there are ways to clean that virus. If there are, then you're lucky. Otherwise, you'll have no choice but to format the entire hard disk while losing all your data.

How do we know if our computer has been infected by viruses? In most cases, you don't...until it's too late. Some viruses will give you symptoms of an infection. For example, if your computer slows down suddenly, or if you keep getting error messages, or if your screen displays some weird messages, then there's a possibility that you have a virus in there. You might want to take your computer to the shop to identify the problem. Not all these symptoms are caused solely by viruses. Some are probably due to hardware failure. Owning a computer is like owning a car. You've to be able to know the difference in performance.

Good luck & happy computing.

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