

Pet Tails



Winter 2006

Canine Flu?

by Darcie Barnes, DVM, MPVM

Influenza viruses infect many species - horses, birds, pigs and humans, to name a few. Recently a new influenza strain that infects dogs has been in the news.

Scientists believe canine flu came from mutated equine flu that infected a dog. Canine influenza was first identified in racing greyhounds in January 2004, although it probably emerged unnoticed several years earlier.

At the end of September canine influenza arrived in southern California, infecting pet dogs at boarding kennels and veterinary clinics. By November 2005, infections had been confirmed in 15 states.

Because it is a new virus in dogs, virtually 100% are susceptible. Dogs become ill 2-5 days after exposure and

can spread the disease to other dogs for 7-10 days from the start of the illness. Nearly 20% of the dogs that are infected won't become ill, but will still be able to spread the disease to other dogs.

Most dogs will have mild symptoms with a low-grade fever and a runny nose. Usually dogs have a cough that lasts 10-21 days even when treated with antibiotics or cough suppressants. These symptoms are often mistaken for "kennel cough."

Dogs with severe symptoms may have a high fever (104°-106°F), with labored breathing and other signs of pneumonia. In 1-5% of cases it can be fatal. In both cases there may be secondary bacterial infections. Infection is commonly treated with antibiotics and intravenous fluids at a veterinarian.

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Pets and Disaster: Be Prepared

By Kirsten Ruiz

We've all witnessed the devastating effects of natural disasters: fires and earthquakes at home, hurricanes and floods in other parts of the country. Natural and manmade disasters are a fact of life and one that many of us struggle to prepare for.

"The new Santa Barbara County Animal Disaster Response Plan will cover a variety of scenarios and hazards that may arise in our area" explains Sara Wall, Community Outreach Manager. "The key to the plan is that each indi-

vidual pet owner is prepared to take care of themselves, their families and their animals for the first 72 hours following an incident. By taking some simple steps now, pet owners can make a significant difference in ensuring their own personal health and safety as well as that of their companion animals should a disaster strike."

The Humane Society of the United States recommends adding pet sup-

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Volunteer Spotlight

By Carol Sherline

Nadine Hansen has volunteered with the SYV Humane Society from the very beginning. Her volunteer service began with 8 years on our board of directors. Nadine was active in establishing the society as a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation, helped design our shelter and raise funds for its construction.



When we decided to open a thrift store, Nadine helped organize and plan the store. She helped create the Auxiliary and has served as its treasurer ever since. Over the years, Nadine spent many hours sorting, pricing, stock-

ing, and working in the shop while also working for SYV High School as a bookkeeper.

After her retirement, she learned to play tennis and enjoyed traveling more often. Nadine loves to play pinochle and at one time raised Siamese cats. Nadine's other charitable endeavors include working with the blood bank, and membership with the SYV Historical Society. Nadine has 2 children, 1 grandchild, 3 step-grandchildren, 6 step-great-grandchildren and 2 great-grandcats.

Much of the shop's success is directly due to the support of Nadine Hansen.

Letter from the President

Dear Supporters,

I am pleased to report our matching gift campaign glass is half full. Your four-legged shelter friends thank you for your response.

To get us started, the wife of our benefactor contributed the first \$1,000 and our board of directors stepped in with their support.

We remain grateful for contributions of any size to help us attain the remaining \$25,000 and meet our challenge of \$50,000.

A successful campaign will add \$100,000 of new funds to our endowment and help insure that our humane society will have regular, sustainable support.

To make your donation, please note that it is for the "endowment." Donations will be doubled, up to a total of \$50,000. Mail to SYV Humane Society, P.O. Box 335, Buellton, CA 93427.

Again, many thanks,

Bruce A. Beeler
President
SYV Humane Society



Oscar is a tortie point Himalayan

mix looking for a new home at the shelter.

Wish List

Pet supplies:

Nutromax pet food
Canned dog & cat food
Pelletized animal bedding
Rescue Remedy
DAP (dog appeasing pheromone comfort & spray)
Feliway

Sturdy kennel toys:

Nylabones
Kongs, large and small size
Buster cubes
Jolly balls
Stuffed dog toys
Squeaky toys
Tennis balls
Portable shade canopy

Cleaning supplies:

Sponges
Paper towels
Trash bags

Office supplies:

Copy paper
Pens
Highlighters
Sharpies
Dry erase markers
Cash register
Small combination safe

Household item donations accepted at the House of Treasures Thrift Shop.

Board of Directors

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Jenny (left) and Mattilda (right) are waiting for new homes at the shelter.



Positive Training

In October, SYV Humane Society began offering pet owners an positive training alternative. With the help of Amanda Eagle, Animal Behavior Consultant, pet owners learn techniques that enhance their relationship with their pet while training or solving a behavior problem.

“All good training is based on building positive relationships with our animals,” explains Amanda. “When we train using positive reinforcement we not only get the behavior we want, but also provide an enjoyable enrichment activity for our pets.” The 25-minute be-

havior consultation costs \$30, far less than typical private sessions, and is scheduled through the shelter. Amanda meets with the family and their pet and works out a personalized strategy to change unwanted behavior and train good behavior. All training is positive. There is no punishment involved.

You can see positive training in action 7:30 pm on January 19th at the Los Olivos Grange Hall, 2374 Alamo Pintado Avenue. Amanda will explain how she trains, suggest other training resources, lead games and answer questions.

Canine Flu

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We haven't seen canine influenza in our area (it's relatively uncommon in most areas), but it is likely to continue spreading.

The University of California at Davis School of Veterinary Medicine's recommends the following to prevent or reduce the severity of canine flu:

- Follow a vaccine schedule as recommended by a veterinarian. Although there is no vaccine for canine influenza, there are vaccinations that decrease the likelihood and severity of other canine respiratory infections.
- When you board your pet, make sure that the kennel is clean, well-maintained, and has a plan for immediately iso-

lating and caring for any dogs that develop signs of "kennel cough" or other disease. At SYV Humane, an isolation area is available to keep ill animals from infecting others.

- If your dog has signs of illness, don't take them to places with lots of dogs for at least two weeks after they recover. Healthy dogs can still visit dog parks, beaches, parades or other areas where dogs gather.
- Make sure your pet has current ID tags with your address and phone number. If your dog escapes, this will help return him promptly to you, and can prevent exposure to kennel cough in an animal shelter.
- Keep your pet in overall good health. A strong immune system will be your dog's best defense against infection.

Pets and Disaster: Be Prepared

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plies to your family's disaster kit. Stock up on nonperishables well ahead of time, add perishable items at the last minute, and have everything accessible, stored in sturdy containers (duffel bags, covered trash containers, etc.) that can be easily carried. Include the following items in your kit:

- Medications and medical records stored in a waterproof container and a first aid kit.
- Leashes, harnesses, and carriers to transport pets safely and to ensure that your pets can't escape.
- Current photos and descriptions of your pets.
- Food and water for at least three days for each pet, bowls, cat litter and litter box, and a manual can opener.
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian.
- Pet beds and toys, if you can easily take them, to reduce stress.
- Newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags, grooming items, and household bleach.

Check your pet's identification tags. Update any outdated tags with current phone numbers and add an out-of-area contact to your pet's tag.

When disaster strikes, know what to do. Designate an area in your home where your family and pets can safely gather. The noise and confusion during a disaster can be frightening for pets. Keep your dogs on leashes and cats in carrier to keep them out of harms way. Bring your disaster kit into the area of your home you choose to stay in.

When asked to evacuate, take your pets with you. Once

Red Cross shelters cannot accept pets because of states' health and safety regulations and other considerations.

evacuated, you will not be allowed to return for your pet. It may be days or weeks before you are able to reenter the area. Confine

your pets ahead of time, so you can quickly find them. Arrange with friends or neighbors to take your pets and meet you elsewhere if you are not home.

Red Cross shelters do not accept pets due to state health and safety regulations and other considerations. Prepare ahead of time to secure lodging for you and your pet. Contact hotels and motels about their pet policies. Ask friends and relatives if they would shelter your pet during a disaster. Make a list of boarding facilities outside of your area. Once you've located pet friendly lodgings and resources, keep the addresses and phone numbers with your disaster kit.

For more information visit:
http://www.hsus.org/hsus_field/hsus_disaster_center/

Schedule of Events

- **January 19** Positive training demonstration at the Los Olivos Grange Hall 7:30-9
- **February** Spay and Neuter Month
- **Every Wednesday** Low-fee spay/neuter and vaccinations available by appointment. 688-8224



Kahlua likes being a Chow Chow and wishes people appreciated that. He is waiting to be adopted at the shelter.

Spooky still hasn't found her forever home. Is it yours?



*Volunteers
Wanted*

House of Treasures Thrift Shop

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer contact Susan Tate

Tel: 805-688-1031

Gifts Received August 2005-December 2005

In honor of people who love animals...

- Liz Bland**
Michael Thomas
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Bonham**
Jeannette & Kenneth Christensen
Eldora Laubly
Barbara Montemagno
Arlene Sullivan
- Molly Brown**
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- Jill Deming**
Sharon Radom
- The Goehring Family**
David & Lisa Pedersen
- The Hanberg Family**
David & Lisa Pedersen
- Mark & Carol Peterson**
Irene & Rick Paaske
- Doc & Emily Severinsen**
Becca Stewart
- In memory of people who love animals...**
- Cameron**
Cinnabar International
- Marge Alderman**
Rena & Claire Fitzgerald
- Wanda Allison**
Donald Allison
- Amy Beeler**
Wayne & Carol McMillen
- Dorothy Castagnola**
Brian & Jean Chaney
- Mirian Chrisman**

- Brian & Jean Chaney
- Frank Connors**
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- Walter Duer**
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Jack & Phoebe Patterson
- Phil Kimerlin**
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Carl & Inge Jacobsen
Ilene Kline
Dale Molesworth
- Rita Logan**
Marla King
- John Lombardo**
Melvin Sargeant
- Ruth Manning**
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- Richard Moyer**
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- Benny**
Bruce & Liz Beeler
- Benny & Flicka**
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- Cinderella & Woodstock**
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- Emily**
Alexandra Smith
- Leggs & Cooper Baldwin**
Laura & David Stanton
- Lulabelle Young**
Laura & David Stanton
- Millie**
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- Sande & Stefe**
Cheryl Kerr
- Sister**
Stacey Nance
- Tillie**
Joanne White
- Tillie**
Kathleen & Jeff Sieck
- Ziggy & Cuddles**
Dennis & Jobie Brooks, Sr.

Continue supporting the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society



Dozer hasn't let being homeless change his upbeat attitude.

Donations help the animals at the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society and support our low-fee spay and neuter program.

You can also make a donation as a gift or in honor or memory of a beloved pet or person.

All donations to SYV Humane Society, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Please use my donation towards:	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> General shelter and clinic operations	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> In memory of _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> In honor of _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Endowment matching gift campaign	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> 2006 membership dues	
Regular	\$25.00
Sustaining	\$50.00
Business	\$100.00
Life member	\$1000.00
Total:	_____

Please send a receipt to:

- Address listed on the back of this form
- My cancelled check will serve as my receipt
- Address listed below

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
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Please notify of honorarium/memorial gift:

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 Zip Code: _____

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To participate, make sure that you have a Nielsen's Frequent Shopper card and that you have designated purchases to the Santa Ynez Valley Humane Society. Every time you use your Frequent Shopper card, your sales will be tracked and credited to our shelter.



KC has been looking for a home since September 2003. He is a 10-year-old orange tabby.

Pebo is a 1 1/2 year old female. She plays it safe and gets to know you before showering you with attention.



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Email: humane@syv.com
Website: www.syvhumane.org

Shelter Hours:
Monday-Saturday 10-4

Clinic Hours:
by appointment Wednesdays

House of Treasures Thrift Shop
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