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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring might be just around the corner but we have been teased so much with a warmer winter that I don't know what to think. Whether its winter or spring, Dogs On Call, Inc. has some fun events coming up.

On March 17 and 18 at the Alliant Energy Center we will be partnering with Meriter Hospital at the Kids Expo. We have another Barnes and Noble event at their East Towne store scheduled for May 19. The store liked our last event so much that they want to bring even more dogs for the next one! (See inside the newsletter for more info on both the Kids Expo and the Barnes and Noble events.) We also have the Mounds dog fest scheduled for June 10 and there will also be more UW dorm events in May, we will be visiting Gilda's club again when the weather warms up, plus Dog Bite Safety classes continue throughout the summer. Obviously our DOC schedule is filling up. If you are a seasoned "event team" please come and have fun with us again. If you have never worked an event and always wondered what it would be like, join us. There is no better way to get to know the other DOC teams and learn more about the great organization you are a part of—so take the leap and sign up this year.

Delta has changed its name to Pet Partners. This also involved a change of logo and colors. Currently there are patches available on their website that can be sewn on over the Delta logo on your dogs current vest that say "Pet Partner". At this time new vests are not available for purchase, but they should be soon.

DOC's programs are all growing, whether in hospitals, nursing homes or R.E.A.D. programs. If you are not visiting and would like to, please contact our facilities director, Jan Hoffman, at deltadogivr@gmail.com and she will find a place that is the perfect fit for you and your Pet Partner.

Laura Kuchta and Kooper

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- UW Dorm Visits enjoyed by everyone.
- Hospital programs continue to grow.
- Delta Society changes name to Pet Partners
- The next section of Sheldon Schall's "Giving Back"

Welcome to New Meriter & UW Hospital Teams

At Meriter:

–Michelle Duke and Melody (Schipperke). Fluff-ball Melody immediately received a special visit request from a Schipperke fan who saw her picture on Meriter's Dogs On Call web page. We appreciate Michelle and Melody working it in to their busy schedule of appearances.

–Ben Welch and Billy (Beagle). Ben says that Billy is fascinated by some of the art hanging in Meriter's hallways. On a recent visit to Meriter, Billy stopped to stare at and contemplate a certain abstract painting. Obviously a very intellectual dog.

–Kate Chin and Ellie (Goldendoodle). The breed name says "golden," but Ellie's coat is black (from the "doodle" side of the family). On Kate's first visit, she explained the disparity to virtually everyone she met. Ellie sat nearby, calmly and regally, graciously accepting the praise of fans.

–Dana Walker and Ozzie (Golden Retriever). On Ozzie's first visit, he had a look on his face like "This is great!" He couldn't believe his good fortune to visit a place where every single person wants to pet him!

At UW Hospital:

–Dana Walker and Ozzie. (see above) "Even *more* people who want to pet me!"

Karen Peckham, Raider and Buddy

Special UW Hospital Volunteer Orientation Session for DOC Members

The UW Hospital will be conducting a volunteer orientation session just for DOC members, probably on a Saturday in March. (A separate notice with firm details will go out to all members.)

The first step to becoming a therapy dog team at the UW Hospital is to go through the hospital's volunteer orientation. Typically this meeting is scheduled at times that are hard for working adults to attend. Michael Rosenblum, the volunteer services manager, has agreed to hold a meeting just for interested DOC teams. There are already about a dozen teams that have expressed interest.

If you're thinking about possibly volunteering at UW Hospital, this is a great opportunity. The session is "valid" for three years, so even if you don't want to start volunteering right away, at least you will have this step out of the way.

Contact Karen Peckham, kpeck.k9s@gmail.com for more information on hospital therapy dog programs.

Karen Peckham, Raider and Buddy

UW and Meriter Hospitals Add New Units for DOC Teams

The UW Hospital therapy dog program is continuing to grow and add units to the visit schedule. Currently, visits at this facility are in unit dayrooms, on a set Thursday or Saturday visit time. Starting in late February, visits to the Carbone Cancer Center will begin on a call-ahead/drop-in basis, adding more flexibility to teams' visit schedules. We'll be visiting with patients who are waiting for treatment and accompanying family members in a private, newly remodeled area.

At Meriter Hospital, the Digestive Health Center recently began accepting visits from Meriter's DOC teams. It may not sound like an exciting place to visit, but these people are real dog lovers! We visit in the waiting area, talking with family members and patients waiting for procedures. And when the staff finds out that a Pet Partners team is there, they come streaming out to get their therapy break, too. If your dog doesn't like to visit bedside, this is another great option, one of several at Meriter.

If you're interested in getting involved in either of these programs, contact Karen Peckham, kpeck.k9s@gmail.com, for more information.



Zombie visiting at UW Hospital

It's purely selfish!

Oh, we know why you want to visit the hospitals with your Pet Partner – it's purely selfish! Who wouldn't want to see patients light up with smiles when you and your dog come into their room? Who wouldn't like to see staff members streaming into the hall to see your dog when someone announces "The therapy dog is here!"? And who wouldn't want to hear people gush about how your therapy dog is so good looking, so well behaved, smells so good, and say "It's so nice of you to do this!"?

If you don't visit at Meriter or UW Hospitals, you should think about it! You'll feel so good about your dog, yourself, and your effort to get there. This is why you became a Pet Partners team – because you're selfish, right?

Contact Karen Peckham, kpeck.k9s@gmail.com, for hospital visit information.

UW-Madison School of Education MERIT Library

Dogs On Call members visited the School of Education's MERIT Library during exam week in December. The librarians and students were all smiles to see our ambassadors of good cheer. The dogs were hamming it up enjoying the extra attention and received some good tummy rubs from happy students. The librarians said it was fun to see students come in with their expressions changing to relaxed smiles of happiness when they saw the therapy dogs. The UW students are future teachers and learned about how R.E.A.D. teams help make reading fun for children. Thank you to the teams for participating. The genuine enthusiasm was appreciated by all!

Katie Kunz and Sophie



Sophie and Zubi are surrounded by students and their excited laughter.



Carol Mahlik and Montana enjoy sitting with the students.

DOGS AT U OF W

We have so many fun events at Dogs On Call, Inc. and I enjoy all of them but one of my favorites is the visits we make to the University of Wisconsin dorms, library and other facilities on campus. Our very competent committee director, Liz Morrison, makes it so easy to volunteer at U of W. She has all the dorms or libraries signed up with dates and DOC members only need to choose which place to visit.

At the winter mid-terms Ryder and I, with other DOC members, visited the UW med school. When we arrived at the school we barely got in the door and the students were petting our dogs, talking to our dogs and talking to us about our dogs. It was so impressive to see these future doctors get down on the floor to be closer to the pets. I know I spoke with many of the students who asked about our program and they were all in favor of therapy animals in health facilities and I'm sure the other members had the same conversations. It was so encouraging to know that some day one of these young people might be in charge of deciding whether a facility would accept therapy animals and that they would remember the day the dogs visited the med school when making that decision.

DOGS AT U OF W

Of course I always enjoy visiting the dorms, too. It's so fun and refreshing to be in the middle of a crowd of kids taking a break from studies by petting DOC dogs. The dogs love it too. Ryder can't wait to greet every student who comes up to pet him. Of course, within the time we're at the dorms we so love hearing about students' dogs and answering questions about the therapy dog program. Check out all the pictures of the smiling student faces.

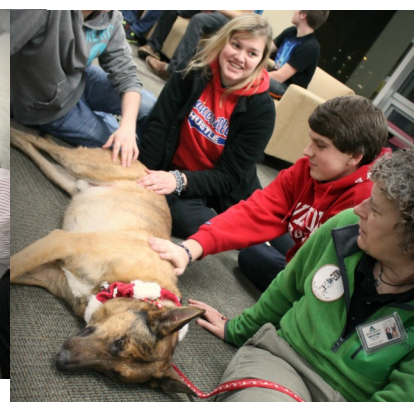
Jan Hoffman, Griffin and Ryder



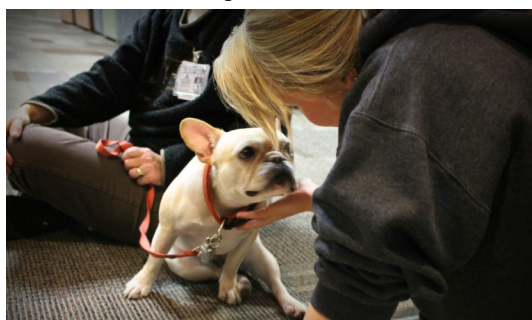
Ryder



Marley



Zombie



Charlotte

Photo's from UW Dorm visits



Raider



Daisy



Kooper

BIG CHANGES FOR DELTA

On Feb. 1, The Delta Society became Pet Partners. In a quote from Bill Kuesler, Vice President of Marketing,

“After considering extensive market research, our Board of Directors has concluded that we will be more successful at raising awareness and generating support under a name that better conveys who we are, what we do, and how we help people. Effective February 1, Delta Society will become Pet Partners, and we will adopt a new branding strategy. In order to manage costs, we will gradually update our materials to reflect the new name and brand strategy over the course of a year. We have also given extensive consideration to how this change may affect our volunteer community, and we have taken steps to ensure the transition for volunteers is smooth. For information on how this change may affect volunteers, a list of frequently asked questions is located on our website www.petpartners.org.”



The affect this will have on Dogs On Call, Inc. will only be superficial. Our business cards will need to be changed to reflect the new name, new color and logo. But it will be fine to continue using what you have now until your supply is gone. The green vests can also be used but you can purchase a new vest if you wish or purchase a Pet Partners patch to put on the green vest. You may keep your current badge and your dog's current ID tag but at your next evaluation, the badges will reflect the new name and color. Everything will be phased out slowly but eventually we will all be known as Pet Partners. The classes, evaluations and guidelines will stay at the same high standard as the Delta Society has always had in the past.

Jan Hoffman and Griffin and Ryder

Dog Safety

Katie Kunz and Sophie introduced dog safety/dog bite prevention to four Madison Elvehjem Elementary School kindergarten classes. The students were good learners and practiced how to be still like a tree if a strange dog approaches them, to curl up like a rock if a dog knocks them down, and to always ask the owner if they can pet a dog. The students learned and practiced how to pet a dog and when to stay away from a dog. They also learned that Sophie's job as a therapy dog and Pet Partner is to be friendly. They learned about how dogs can help people through the many different jobs dogs have and the students stated many ways dogs help people.

The kindergarten students were very interested to hear that Sophie went to Puppy Kindergarten and learned the social skills of making friends with people and dogs. She also cleaned up by taking a bath, having her teeth brushed, ears cleaned, and nails clipped before she came to visit just like kindergarten students do before coming to school. Sophie even went to the dentist recently to have her teeth cleaned. All the students enjoyed petting and saying hello to Sophie. Sophie sat with one class to listen to her favorite books, *Dog Breath* by David Pilkey and *The Pigeon Wants a Puppy* by Mo Willems.



Katie Kunz and Sophie

LORELEI AND LOGAN

Hi. We (Logan and Lorelei) have been visiting Hospice patients and other seniors in assisted living since late May after we became members of DOC and a registered Pet Partner.



We had numerous visits to Belmont Nursing Center for our first experience during this past summer. The staff at Belmont and basically everybody we met was extremely pet friendly and so excited and happy to see Logan (and me). Some of the employees actually bring their dogs to work so it was common for us to meet other very friendly dogs. As hospice volunteers at Belmont, we had six patients we visited. It was hard work! Logan was truly exhausted after those visits and so was I. Luckily we had time to take some naps afterwards!

This past fall we began to make bimonthly visits to the Sterling House on Broadway in Sun Prairie which is closer to home for us. Sterling House is very welcoming and we visited everyone in the community room so Logan was able to see everyone with going room to room

Currently, we are again serving as Hospice volunteers with two patients at the Liberty Square Senior Apartments and another patient at the Willows Nursing home. We have cut our visits now to one day a month so as to minimize bathing and in order to protect Logan's skin from getting too dry. Also so we can reflect on our future as a therapy dog team.

We really enjoyed a one time special visit to Gilda's House with fellow Dogs On Call members in the fall. It was uplifting to be with the kids and see their appreciation for the dogs and also to meet the other therapy teams.

Beginning next fall I believe we would like to make a change away from Hospice and start working with children in hospitals and with old and young veterans at the veteran's hospital if we can find such opportunities.

I took the beginning READ course in November but at this point I have decided that Logan is not best suited as a READ dog. If anyone wants or needs the READ resource book, please let me know and I will sell it for 1/2 price--\$20.00. I will deliver! I hope someone can use it so it won't just sit on my shelf for 10 years!!! (I purchased it for \$40.00 and I only browsed it during class so it is essentially new!)

Looking forward to new adventures with dogs and people in the years to come

Lorelei Allen and Logan

P.S. Willows Nursing Home staff and patients LOVE dogs! Everyone we meet there is so excited to see Logan every time we go!

Giving Back, My Journey With a Therapy Dog

by Sheldon Schall



This is the fourth installment of an article written by Sheldon Schall, a member of Dogs On Call, Inc. since 2001. Sheldon was also a board member and the developer and editor of the first DOC, Inc. newsletter and only 'retired' from that position three years ago. Currently he is Chief of the Storage Regulation Section (flammable and hazardous materials) with the Department of Commerce. (For parts one through three of this remarkable story, please see previous editions of this newsletter found on the DOC website: www.dogsoncall.org.) In the last newsletter, Sheldon and Presley were visiting at Mendota Mental Health Institute until a change in administration no longer allowed dogs in the building. In this edition, they continue their journey at other health care facilities.

I had received numerous requests from health care facilities to visit residents with my dog. There were so many requests that we could have visited a different facility every day of the week. I was contacted by the activities director at Creekwood Manor, an assisted living healthcare facility, who had heard about our animal assisted therapy visits. We visited the facility until another team was able to replace us. During one of our visits the activities director was walking with us and suggested that we stop to see Helen, a resident at the facility. It took Helen a few minutes to be comfortable with us, but as she was petting Presley and we started talking, she told us about being an Army nurse in Germany during WWII. She met Walt, a soldier who was an Army dog handler in Germany. Helen told us that Army dogs were used as guard dogs plus they were also used to deliver mail and messages between the troops. She told us a story about Walt and several other soldiers who had to hide from German soldiers to escape being captured or killed about fifteen miles from where they were stationed. After several days of hiding out with no food or water, Walt sent his dog out of desperation to "find Helen." Days later when Helen heard a commotion in the hallway of the building where she worked, she discovered it was the result of people trying to get a dog to leave. Helen recognized the dog and discovered a note wrapped around the collar with a shoe lace. A day later the soldiers were rescued. Walt and Helen were married after the war, returned to Germany to purchase German Shepherd breeding stock and raised and bred German Shepherds for many years until Walt died. Leaving the room, the activities director said that was the first time Helen mentioned anything about dogs in her life nor were there pictures of dogs or family in her room. Neither one of us would acknowledge it, but it was obvious that both of us became teary eyed at some time during our visit with Helen.

Giving Back, My Journey With a Therapy Dog - Cont.

by Sheldon Schall

St. Mary's Hospital in Madison is one of the first hospitals in the area to embrace animal assisted therapy on a broad scale. The Delta Society has specific rules for any dog visit, especially for hygiene. The animal has to have a bath within 24 hours of the visit. The Bernese breed has long hair with a very thick undercoat, so rinsing the shampoo out of the coat and drying the hair is very time consuming. For Presley and me, that was a 3 to 4 hour activity. As we were entering St. Mary's for a visit, two women, one in her late 40s and the other in her mid 70s were walking out. Just as they passed by us the younger woman turned and asked, "Are you taking that dog into the hospital?" My first impulse was a defensive reply as not many dogs were seen in health facilities yet and so I pulled out my picture identification cards. But she asked if I would visit her father in room 2816. She said that she was taking her mother to an appointment and couldn't accompany us. I told her that I was sure I would have time to visit her father and then proceeded to the office where all employees and volunteers have to scan their identification cards. Even Presley had a photo ID that had to be scanned when we entered and exited the hospital, just as the chief cardiac surgeon has to do.

After making the visits that were initially planned we went to room 2816 where the door was open and a nurse was adjusting some tubing on an elderly gentleman in a wheel chair by the window. I knocked on the door and asked, "Do you care to have a visit from a big dog?" The nurse and the patient looked up at the same time and the man shouted, "Bring that puppy over here!" The nurse had a look of total surprise and apprehension and as we proceeded to the wheel chair I could understand the nurse's apprehension because the patient had IV poles on each side of him and tubes and monitoring wires running everywhere. As we approached, I also had a nervous moment because I thought there was no way some of the equipment was not going to get yanked out as the man reached for the dog and Presley was excitedly wagging her big Berner tail. The nurse realized how happy the patient was to see the dog and she made some adjustments to all the tubes and equipment and we made it through the visit with all tubes intact.

The patient was a retired farmer and his farm was located in the same township as my home. We had a wonderful visit and he talked about the many dogs he had on his farm and how he missed the dog that his son currently had on the farm. That is when I asked a question that I was not prepared for the answer. "How long before you will be going back home?" His reply was, "I won't be going back home as I am expected to live only another six to eight weeks." I did not know what to say. Luckily the patient picked back up the conversation and said that he and his wife had a very good life over the years and he was blessed that his farm would stay in the family. I think he contributed his positive view on his situation because he had been raised on a farm, farmed all his life along with his son and expressed that he had been blessed by the Lord giving him such a great life. He expressed his appreciation for me bringing the dog in for the visit and it was obvious his gratitude came from his heart.

"The Journey of Sheldon and Presley will be continued in the June edition of the Dogs On Call Newsletter."

CAPITOL LAKES

There's a wonderful place for the elderly in downtown Madison called "Capitol Lakes." Besides having a wonderful health care center, they also have assisted living apartments and apartment homes. Meriter used to own this facility but sold it a while ago to a private corporation. This corporation renamed it "Capitol Lakes". The activities director there had been trying to get dogs in to visit his residents for quite a while. So he was thrilled when Jan Hoffman approached him asking about possible visits from DOC.

This all started because of an elderly woman Charlotte and I met at Meriter Hospital. We were walking through the lobby one day on our way out, when Laurie Ingwell (volunteer coordinator) came running up to us with a request. Could we please go and see a woman who loves dogs and hasn't been feeling well. Her daughters heard about dogs visiting but hadn't seen any on their mom's floor. Of course, Charlotte and I didn't hesitate. We were on a mission. For those of you who know Charlotte, you know she doesn't like to visit people who are laying in bed. She doesn't like all the tubes and funny smells. But, she was a trooper. She knew she had someone who needed her. She marched into that hospital room and happily surprised the woman and her daughters. The smiles on their faces said it all.

In the course of the visit, this elderly woman asked why dogs don't come to visit at "Capitol Lakes". I had never heard of this place. As soon as the daughters pointed out that it used to be part of Meriter, I knew exactly where it was. So, I put Jan Hoffman on the trail. She met with the Powers-That-Be and got things set up for DOC to visit residents in the health care center. Unfortunately, the elderly woman who started it all doesn't live in the area we visit. We only go to the health care center and she lives in the assisted living. But, hopefully we will be visiting the apartments as well.

Charlotte and I visit at Capitol Lakes the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 3-4pm. We don't go to individual rooms. Rather, the staff brings the residents to a large community lounge. They position their wheelchairs in a semi-circle. Charlotte and I are the main attraction! When we walk in, all eyes are on Charlotte. And even though most of these residents have some form of dementia and/or Alzheimer's disease, they know what they like....and they like dogs!!!

I start out the visit by introducing myself and Charlotte. Some think they're seeing us for the first time so they're even more excited. I then hold Charlotte by everyone's chair and wheelchair so that each resident gets a chance to pet her and say hello. Then, Charlotte does her tricks to much applause. I talk to them about Charlotte and answer any questions they may have. I ask them about dogs they have had. With smiles on their faces, they somehow reach back to days gone by and pluck a memory of a dog loved but now long gone. Of all the things that Alzheimer's has robbed them of, the memory of a loving dog still remains.

We end our time there with another visit around to each resident so that they can say good-bye to Charlotte. As you can imagine, it is all very sweet and heart-warming. I leave there with Charlotte knowing that we have truly touched lives that day. If, even for a moment, I feel we have made a difference.

If anyone wants to visit at Capitol Lakes, please let me know. It would be nice to have more teams going to visit this wonderful place.

Elizabeth Morrison and Charlotte

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Is That a Service Dog?

I've been approached several times when visiting at the hospitals and asked, "Do those dogs help with disabilities?" or "Do you know where I can get a service dog?" from people who are looking for a service dog for themselves or a family member. After explaining the difference between therapy dogs and service dogs, I suggest they go to PetPartners.org (formerly DeltaSociety.org) and click on "Service Dog Info." There they can find the Service Animal Trainer Directory. This Directory allows searches on Organization Name, States Served, and Disability Training Types. Many resources come up for Wisconsin. Plus, the site has lots of other info about getting a service animal, training, travel, etc. DOC doesn't endorse any particular organizations, but it will give people a starting point for their search.

Karen Peckham, Raider and Buddy

This is Why We Do This

Kay Lysne and Daisy were making their first visit to the UW's Carbone Cancer Center a few weeks ago. As they entered the hospital, a young woman sitting in the lobby broke out into a big smile; Kay could tell she would like to say hello to Daisy. They visited and the young woman spent a good amount of time quietly petting Daisy.

Two days later, the young woman's mother happened to meet another Pet Partners team in the hall at the hospital. The mom related that petting Daisy helped so much to relax her daughter who was quite nervous about having what would be her fourth surgery.



Daisy

You never know who you will meet when on a visit and you may never know what a positive affect visiting with your Pet Partner will have. We were fortunate to hear how that simple, short visit made such a difference in that young woman's life that day. This is why we do this!

Karen Peckham, Raider and Buddy

KIDS EXPO

This year, Dogs On Call is participating in Kid's Expo at the Alliant Energy Center! The dates of the event are March 17th and 18th (Saturday and Sunday) from 10am-4pm. We will be in Meriter's booth area greeting all the families that are coming through. This is a great NEW opportunity for us to both work with Meriter and to get our name out there. If your dog is nuts about children or even just loves to be petted, keep an eye on your email – I'll be sending one out very soon asking for volunteers.

Jen and Eva

ANOTHER BARNES AND NOBLE EVENT

Back by popular demand – we're having another Barnes and Noble event on Saturday, May 19th! For those of you who participated last year, you know how much fun this was – and how many lives we touched. We're doing it again this year. And Barnes and Noble is just as excited as we are! If you didn't participate last time, make sure you do this time. Last September was our first event there and we learned a LOT. And the first thing we learned was that even though we had a bunch of teams there, we needed so many more. So think about taking a shift. It's a unique event. We're the ONLY group at this event. We don't have to compete with rescue groups, dog food vendors, training facilities, etc. It's only Dogs On Call. It was an amazing event last September. I received so much positive feedback from both the teams and Barnes and Noble. Put it on your calendars and watch for more information!

If you didn't Participate last time, make sure you volunteer this time.

Jen and Eva



Michelle and Melody



Vicki and Riley



Kathy and Bella



Ginny and Amy

Photo's from our last Barnes and Noble event.

Photo's taken by Dawn Brauner

THERAPY DOGS A BIG HIT AT UW HOSPITAL'S HEALTH & HEALING EVENT

During the week of February 27, the UW Hospital focused on some of the complementary therapies offered by the hospital. Each day highlighted a different program: art, music, massage, stress reduction; Wednesday, February 29 was Dogs On Call therapy dog day! From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., DOC teams were stationed in three high-traffic locations in the hospital to meet and greet droves of visitors and staff and explain what our teams do at the hospital. The president and CEO of UW Hospital, Donna Katen-Bahensky, made a special effort in her schedule to come meet the dogs that day – she's a great supporter of the therapy dog program!

Thanks to the teams that helped with this event. (Special thanks to Donna & Izzy who took the post near the hospital cafeteria so the food-focused dogs wouldn't have to be tortured there!)

Donna Rasmussen & Izzy

Karen Peckham & Raider

Karen Smith & Zombie

Kay Lysne & Daisy

Liz Morrison & Charlotte

Thanks From Laurie Ingwell, Meriter Volunteer Services Coordinator

Laurie sends her thanks for the kind words she received from DOC members following the recent loss of her father, George Ingwell. DOC teams at Meriter donated a total of \$95.00 to the Dane County Humane Society in his honor. Laurie said her dad would approve – he was a great dog lover!

Novartis Halts Production on Popular Pet Medications

A Nebraska based Novartis manufacturing plant has temporarily suspended production and product shipments. This will affect the availability of some Novartis Animal Health (NAH) products for the immediate future. Brands affected include Interceptor[®] Flavor Tabs[®], Sentinel[®] Flavor Tabs[®], Clomicalm[®], Program[®] Tablets and Suspension, and Milbemite[®]. Production of Deramaxx, which was recently moved to the site, is also affected, although supplies on hand will continue to be shipped.

If your dog is on any of these products please talk to your veterinarian about a safe substitute.

For more information please check these websites: <http://www.1800petmeds.com/novartis.jsp>
<http://news.vin.com/VINNews.aspx?articleId=20998>

SOMETHING EVERY DOG OWNER SHOULD KNOW:

Saving your pet with CPR

With pets increasingly being treated like a member of the family, many owners are learning emergency techniques like CPR to keep their pet alive before bringing it to a veterinarian.

If there is no breathing and no pulse, begin CPR immediately.

Areas to check for pulse



Check for breathing and pulse

Check pulse using middle and index finger below the wrist, inner thigh (femoral artery), below the ankle or where left elbow touches the chest.

Look for other warning signs

- Gums and lips will appear gray-colored.
- Pupils will be dilated and not responsive to light.

Gums

Pupils

If not breathing, give breath to animal

Cats and small dogs

Place your mouth over its nose and mouth to blow air in.

Medium-large dogs

Place your mouth over its nose to blow air in.

Heimlich maneuver

If breath won't go in, airway may be blocked. Turn dog upside down, with its back against your chest. Wrap your arms around the dog and clasp your hands together just below its rib cage (since you're holding the dog upside down, it's above the rib cage, in the abdomen). Using both arms, give five sharp thrusts to the abdomen. Then check its mouth or airway for the object. If you see it, remove it and give two more rescue breaths.

Start compressions if no pulse

Lay animal on right side and place hand over ribs where its elbow touches the chest. Begin compressions. Do not give compressions if dog has pulse.

Repeat procedure

• Check pulse after 1 minute and then every few minutes.

• Continue giving CPR until the animal has a pulse and is breathing.

• Stop CPR after 20 minutes.

Animal size	Compress chest	Compressions per breath of air
Cat/small dog (Under 30 lbs.)	1/2-1 inch	5
Medium-large dog (30-90 lbs.)	1-3 inches	5
Giant dog (over 90 lbs.)	1-3 inches	10

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