



## NEWSLETTER

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#### INNOVA 95% MEAT CANNED FOODS

Innova has added 5 great new canned foods to its EVO line-up – beef, chicken and turkey, rabbit, duck and venison. These foods, like the EVO dry food, do not contain grains. We expect these new additions the end of September.

#### DOGS & THEIR FASCINATION WITH FECES

Dogs will often eat feces – their own or other animals. This is called “coprophagia”. It can be a behavioral issue, or a nutritional one. Here are some tips:

##### Preventing stool eating

1. make sure your dog is getting a highly nutritious diet with whole, natural ingredients
2. add digestive enzymes to your dog’s food (we recommend Wysong’s ADDLIFE)  
keep your yard cleaned up and locate litter boxes out of your dog’s territory

##### Training Your Dog:

1. walk your dog on a leash and train your dog to come as soon as you call him
2. teach your dog the command “leave it”
3. do not encourage your dog to roll when you are on a walk (shake a can of pennies near your dog if it likes to roll in smelly substances)

These tips should help you to get control of a dog who is attracted to poop on your daily walk.

#### KIDS & DOGS

In a recent article in a “Pet Biz” magazine, the following tips were offered for safety when kids and dogs are interacting:

1. always ask the owner before you touch a dog
2. never hug a dog around the neck
3. always let a dog sniff your hand before you pet it
4. never scream or run away, always stand still
5. never approach a dog that is tied up on a front of a store, restaurant or home
6. if a dog walks away from you, leave it alone

## COLLARS & EYE DAMAGE

In a study published in the Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association, it was noted that intraocular pressure (pressure inside the eye) is increased in dogs that pull against a collar. Increased pressure can cause health problems in dogs with weak corneas and glaucoma, with some breeds being more susceptible to eye problems than others.

To avoid this problem with collars, use a harness, Lupi or Halti instead.

## ANTI-INFLAMMATORIES AND YOUR PET

With the recent media attention to NSAIDS (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) and the health problems in humans, some pet owners are becoming concerned about their dogs being on Rimadyl, Medicam or other drugs.

Documented risks from these drugs include stomach upset as well as kidney and liver damage with long term use (long term was not defined). There is only one prescription drug (not named) approved for use in cats.

Natural alternatives include glucosamine hydrochloride (rather than other types of glucosamine which are less effective), chondroitin sulfate, MSM and other herbal combination remedies. It was reported that combinations of glucosamine hydrochloride and chondroitin, sometimes combined with other supplements, were more effective for re-building cartilage, reducing inflammation, improving circulation and controlling pain.

## BOOST PREDICTED FOR NATURAL PET REMEDIES

A recent study suggested that the sales of natural pet remedies are expected to grow by 14 per cent by 2009. This is approximately three times the growth rate for human products.

## CANNED PET FOOD VS. HUMAN FAST FOOD

A recent British study concluded that cans of dog and cat food are often healthier than human fast food with much less fat, sugar and salt. A food testing lab compared 30 human meals with 13 pet foods and found that a premium brand had one eighth the fat of a Kentucky Fried chicken meal and much less fat than Pizza Hut meals or Big Macs.

## DELTA HOTELS ARE PET FRIENDLY

Delta has announced its "Pets Can Stay" certification at 23 of its hotels and resorts. Delta is the first North American chain to achieve Pets Can Stay certification and to establish policies for their guests traveling with pets.

We recently stayed at Delta Toronto East with our schnauzer, Ilsa, for an extra "pet in room" charge.

AIR CANADA & PETA complaint from an allergy sufferer prompted The Canadian Society of Allergy Immunologists to write the president of Air Canada last year. As of September, Air Canada will become the first airline in Canada to ban pets from its passenger cabins. The only exception will be guide dogs.

In good health, Mike, Lee, Jayne & Moxy

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