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Beckett & Associates Announcements

Complimentary Reminders ... The way you want them!

Interested in receiving your pets' vaccine & exam reminders via email, text message or mail? Please let our office know which you prefer by [emailing](#) us or calling our office!

What is the difference between "Adequan" and "Legend"?

"Adequan" is a brand of polysulfated glycosaminoglycan (PSGAG) produced by a division of Luitpold Pharmaceuticals, Inc. The components that make up "Adequan" are chemically similar to the glycosaminoglycans in joint cartilage. It serves as an enzyme inhibitor to decrease or reverse the pathologic processes caused by trauma to the joint or degenerative joint disease. It improves joint function by reducing protein levels in the joint fluid and increasing the hyaluronic acid concentration in the synovial fluid. It is an intramuscular injection initially given more frequently for establishing the appropriate concentration in the body (loading dose), but then administered once a month after the loading dose has been established.



"Legend" is an injectable solution of hyaluronate sodium produced by Bayer Health Care, LLC. Hyaluronic acid, a glycosaminoglycan, is the conjugate acid of hyaluronate sodium. Hyaluronic acid is a naturally occurring substance present in high concentrations in the joint fluid. Hyaluronic sodium decreases enzyme release and subsequent degradation of joint integrity, and decreases inflammation in the joint. "Legend" is an intravenous injection initially given more frequently for establishing the appropriate concentration in the body (loading dose), but then administered once a month after the loading dose has been established.

Why should I have my gelding's sheath cleaned?

Sheath cleaning is a common, routine procedure that should be a part of a horse's preventative care/wellness program. The actual procedure involves cleaning the sheath and, most importantly, the urethral fossa (a pocket surrounding the end of the urethra-the urethral process). Sheath cleaning is performed due to the accumulation of smegma, a secretion of the sebaceous glands consisting of epithelial cells found within the prepuce. A "bean" can result if a large amount of smegma accumulates. If the bean becomes large, it has the potential to apply pressure to the urethra and disrupt urination. The sheath cleaning also allows examination for cancer and/or other injuries that may need treatment. Some horses require sedation for the procedure to be performed. Sheath cleaning can easily be performed while



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Emergency Coverage

Helpful
Reminders

With the warm summer months approaching it is important to protect your pets from heatstroke. Heatstroke is caused by excessive heat and humidity sometimes accompanied with an inadequate water supply. Dogs can quickly overheat, especially if they have a dark or heavy coat. Make sure your animal is keep in a cool shaded area with access to plenty of fresh clean water. The common signs for heatstroke are excessive panting, warm dry skin, vomiting and collapse. If you suspect that your pet has heatstroke call your veterinarian immediately.

Cats and dogs can both get diabetes. This disease, very similar to human type 2 diabetes, is becoming increasingly common. Your pet may be drinking more water than usual, urinating larger amounts, always seems hungry, may be lethargic and has thinning, dry, and dull coat. If you notice any of these symptoms,

your horse is sedated for a dentistry appointment.

P&G recalls some canned cat foods due to low levels of thiamine

Compliments of DVM NEWSMAGAZINE

Cincinnati, Ohio -- The Proctor & Gamble Company (P&G) announced a voluntary recall of some Iams canned cat food in North America after testing showed the product may contain insufficient levels of thiamine (Vitamin B1).

The recall covers cans of Iams ProActive Health Cat and Kitten Food dated between 09/2011 and 06/2012. All varieties of 3-ounce and 5.5-ounce cans are included in the recall. Only food distributed in North America will be recalled.

Consumers who have purchased food with these codes should discard it and can call P&G at (877) 340-8826 for more information or for a product refund.



FIRST AID: A Pet Owner's Guide

Compliments of bayerdvm.com

As a concerned pet owner, you do everything you can to keep your pet healthy and happy. Despite your best efforts, however, illness and injury may occur. Knowing what to do in these situations can go a long way toward helping your pet recover. Here are a few first aid tips that can help you be prepared:

REMAIN CALM. A pet's sudden injury or acute illness can be very upsetting. You must remain calm when something happens so you can think clearly and take the appropriate action.

BREATHING PROBLEMS. In an emergency, it is essential to ensure that your pet is not having any problems breathing. If it appears that your pet is having difficulty, this requires immediate veterinary attention to ensure that the airway is not obstructed.

BLEEDING. Stop any severe bleeding by placing direct pressure over the area and holding it for at least 5 to 7 minutes. You can use a gauze pad, clean cloth, or paper towels to do this.

Minor wounds can be gently cleansed with soap and water and/or covered with a clean dressing. Pulsating, forceful bleeding indicates rupture of an artery. This requires direct pressure over the area of bleeding while transporting the pet for immediate veterinary attention.

FRACTURES. Broken bones need immediate veterinary attention.

TRANSPORTING INJURED ANIMALS. Injured animals are likely to be in pain. Small dogs and cats should be transported in a suitable pet carrier while larger animals can be placed on a stretcher made of a bed sheet if they are not able to walk. Keep animals warm and as comfortable as you can while

your pet should see the doctor. Diagnosis is simple, and treatment is similar to that of humans.

Why do dogs like to roll in yucky stuff? Because they can. We can help.

you are transporting them to your veterinarian or nearest emergency veterinary facility.

BE CAREFUL. No matter how gentle animals are, pain can cause them to bite. Muzzle your pet before moving.

Being a well-informed pet owner is always a good way to protect your pet's health and well-being. Knowing what to do in an emergency is an important part of this. It can make a big difference in the outcome and speed your pet's recovery.



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