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Pet Owners Beware

IMHA/AIHA

Although this does not have to do with wildlife rehabilitation TWRG decided to add this to our newsletter for the benefit of any pet owners as one of our own has become subject to this disease.



Fortunately, the prognosis for Gigi an 8 year old Pit Bull looks good, however, it has been a very long and frustrating road back to recovery. Unfortunately a 5 year old dog diagnosed with the same disease residing next to her at the vet did not survive.

IMHA/AIHA is a fairly new disease that is becoming more common in our dogs and cats. This disease can be deadly since it is usually diagnosed when the pet is already in a critical state. For dogs the disease has a 50%-60% mortality rate while in cats it is almost always fatal.

IMHA (Immune-Mediated Hemolytic Anemia) or AIHA (Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia) is a condition where the patient's immune system begins attacking his or her own red blood cells, basically destroying itself causing the patient to become severely anemic. Treatment once diagnosed can become extremely costly depending on how far along it has progressed. Usual treatment consists of blood transfusions and immune suppressants such as prednisone or other steroids to help suppress the immune system in hopes of stopping the destruction of the cells. However, all cases are different and the ultimate goal is to hopefully find the initial cause of the disease. IMHA is usually the result of something, such as, the body overreacting to a vaccine, medication, flea or tick prevention, cancer, tick borne disease or a severe infection of some type, just to name a few.

Some common signs to look for are:

Your pet is obviously weak. He or she has no energy and has lost interest in food. Urine appears to be dark orange, brown or a dark red. The gums are pale and/or yellowing of the whites of the eyes or skin is noticeable. To hopefully help prevent this disease from occurring here are some other helpful tips. Monitor your pet after vaccines or medications are given and make sure there are no changes in your pets behavior.

- 1) Always check your pet for ticks once they come in from outside.
- 2) Consider using a **NATURAL** deterrent for flea and tick prevention other than commercially made topical products that can consist of some very toxic ingredients.
- 3) If your pet has a wound make sure you clean it thoroughly and depending on the severity, an antibiotic should be given especially if it is in an area where dirt or debris can enter.
- 4) Talk to your vet about the disease so they may be able to offer you some additional advice as to how to protect your pet.

In all cases, do your research, be vigilant in understanding what your animal is faced with. Never hesitate to question what you don't thoroughly understand even with those whom you deem reliable and entrust with their care. Take the time to scour the network, read posts and questions asked, as many of yours can be answered through this process.

Gigi was near death. She survived this disease because her owner was vigilant and mindful of what she had taken the time to educate herself on about the disease. And in so doing and in concert with a veterinarian, Gigi's owner was able to arrive at a treatment protocol she felt comfortable with. Educating herself was key to deciphering and filtering through this overwhelming prognosis. God Speed Gigi !!

If you have any questions about the disease itself or Gigi's journey please don't hesitate to email us!

For more information please click on link below for an in depth article that was written about IMHA/AIHA. http://www.marvistavet.com/html/body_imha.html

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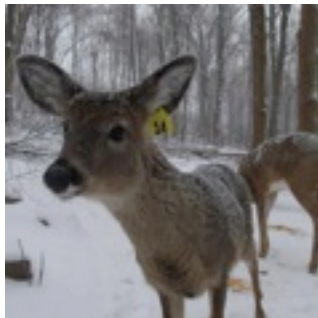
Love goes a long way... 

If you watched the Superbowl and saw the barrage of commercials that are over the top and worth waiting for, then you probably saw this one, and if you are touched by the simplicity of **LOVE** then no doubt you felt this one. May we all give and experience such love in our lifetime. Click below to watch.



www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2prAccclXs

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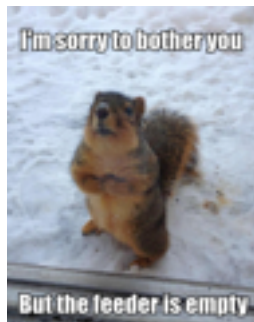


We love it when we are kept posted on how our babies that came in to us have grown up and been set free to live the lives they were meant to. God Speed Little One!

Please Keep Those Bird Feeders Full!

UPDATE: With the temperatures still on the bitter side and with the ground covered in deep snow, we ask that you keep those bird feeders full. This type of weather causes great distress on our feathered

friends as their natural resources are slim to none at this time of year and they tend to depend more on getting hand outs and food from bird feeders. Even your local neighborhood squirrels would appreciate some corn kernels and/or nuts.



The Numbers are In for 2012!!



Happy Valentines Day!



No Shadow?!! Spring is Near?

As this comes to be great news for most of us, there are those that are die hard winter lovers!! Skiers, snowboarders, snowmobilers and true New Englanders enjoy and thrive within all of winters' recreational bliss and will surely be saddened to see the snow go.

But for us at TWRG it's the signal to begin preparing for the work we enjoy most.... helping those who need our help. It is now breeding season for many species of wildlife and soon we will be receiving the young who have fallen from trees or whose parents have met with the unfortunate and the unthinkable. We unpack all that has been put away, heating pads, blankets, cozy bins, formula, syringes and the list goes on.

Now is when we need your help and support! Please visit our website at Tailorswildlife.com and view our Wishlist! Any supplies, food or donations are truly appreciated and go 100% to the care of the animals! Each year we are exceeding the amount of intakes from the previous year, so please consider helping us help them.....**from all of us at TWRG, thank you for keeping us in your hearts!**

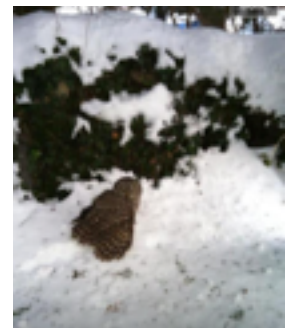
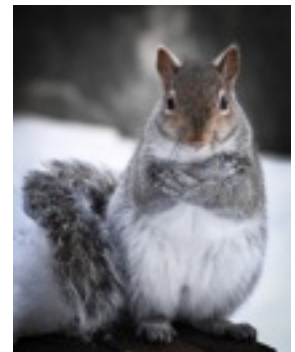
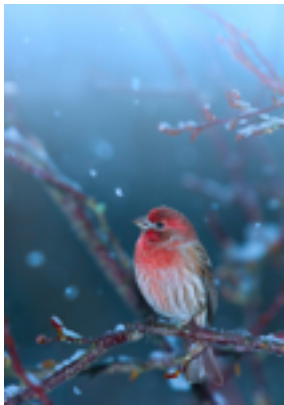
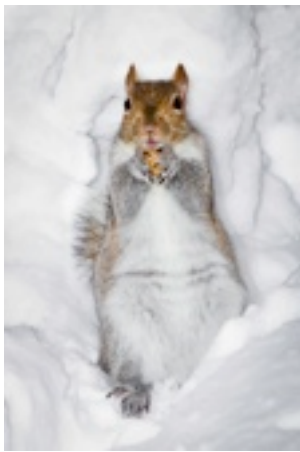


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