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## PetsMatter®

*Learning how to take better care of your pets.*

## GDV: A Silent Killer



Gastric dilatation and gastric dilatation volvulus. They sound alike, they look alike, they're both called *bloat*, and they both affect dogs. The difference? Gastric dilatation volvulus kills.

*Something in this photo could kill this dog. Do you know what it is?*

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### Accreditation Matters

## Suzie C.

We hope you had a great birthday!!

Was it your pets birthday this month and we didn't list it here. This may mean we don't have your pets birthday on record. [Click here to login to your account and update your record.](#)

## What's New

[Have you visited our online forum?](#)  
This forum will be a great place for you to post your feelings about your professional pet sitter and let them and other pet owners know how they are doing. This is also a great place to chat with pet sitters and other pet owners like yourself about pet related topics. The forum boasts the potential to showcase calendar events which we will try to keep filled with all the pet related events in the community. The forum is open to our clients as well as clients for other professional pet sitters in the Jefferson County Area.

## Sitter Holiday Schedules

Stacey Scott will be unavailable: June 12th - 21st

Melissa Ordway will be unavailable: July 12th - 16th

If you require services during these times, then please contact your usual sitter to see how we can fill your needs.

## Contact Us

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## Where Does Your Pet Fall on the Pain Scale?



Animals can't tell us where it hurts or how much or in what way, and early signs of discomfort are often subtle and difficult for pet owners to detect. That is why veterinary professionals at AAHA-accredited animal hospitals take an "every patient, every day" approach to pain assessment.

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## Handle with Care: Household Cleaners and Pets

Stand in any grocery-store cleaning aisle and your eyes are bound to glaze over from all the choices. If you're concerned about cleaning supplies affecting your pets' health, deciding what to buy can be even more overwhelming.

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## The Mighty Flea

Beware: Though a flea is puny, its effects on pets and people can be mighty. Learn more about their bad habits and health consequences--and why you should talk to your veterinarian about keeping your pet flea-free all year long.

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## Making a Difference: Small Kids, Big Change

What is the value of caring? Staff and students at Margil Elementary School in San Antonio, Texas, know.

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## The High Cost of Heartworm Disease



If I don't learn the hard way, I don't learn at all. Maybe that's true of everyone. The trick is to catch on before the consequences become dire.

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