**GASTRIC DILITATION and VOLVULUS (GDV)**

***please read, especially if you have a large breed dog!!***

**Bloat with torsion (GDV) is similar to colic in horses, except in dogs, it’s the stomach that bloats and twists along with surrounding soft tissue and organs; in the horse, it’s their intestines that bloat and twist…both can be, and often are, fatal.**

**Listed below are some internet links discussing this horrific emergency. Any dog can develop bloat/bloat with volvulus, but the deep-chested, large breed dogs are at highest risk. If you’re interested in slow-feeder bowls for your dogs, we found that the JW Skid Stop Slow Feed Bowls (http://www.jwpet.com/dog/bowdetails.html) worked best with our medium-large dogs (three different breeds).**

<http://www.veterinarypartner.com/Content.plx?P=A&S=0&C=0&A=672> Bloat, the Mother of All Emergencies

<http://www.veterinarypartner.com/Content.plx?P=A&S=0&C=0&A=384> Bloat: Emergency Care

<http://www.healthypet.com/PetCare/PetCareArticle.aspx?title=GDV_A_Silent_Killer>

<http://www.bestfriendsvet.com/pdffiles/GDV%20PREVENTING%20GDV.pdf>

<http://www.crittersitextra.com/pettips/NEW_Purdue_Bloat_Study.pdf>

<http://www.petemergencycenter.com/pdf/ProphylacticGastropexyClients.pdf>

<http://www.usarveterinarygroup.org/docs/GDV%20Syndrome.pdf>

**If posting this information saves even one dog, it is time well spent!**