

CANINE OBESITY

Canine obesity has long been an on going battle for veterinarians and their clients, a recent study shows that 40% of all canines in the United States are obese. Obesity causes serious life-threatening problems such as; heart disease, diabetes, respiratory problems and one of the most common arthritis. It should not be left untreated.

Most dogs become obese because their owners feed them table scraps or just too much dry or canned food for their needs. Table scraps should be avoided at all cost due to the simple fact they are so high in fat and have little to no nutritional value. Common preventative methods include increasing their dog's daily exercise and substituting carrots and green beans for treats. For years owners have learned that the best way to help their dog lose weight is to consult with one of our veterinarians about a good prescription diet food and how to give properly proportioned meals.

However, much like many other treatments, this might not work for all dogs, so what should you do for your pet if all else has failed? Pfizer Animal Health has made a very informative website called www.stopcanineobesity.com and a toll free number (877-753-6876) that provides information for dog owners on clinical signs/causes of obesity, the health concerns, and of course the solutions that owners can consult with their veterinarians about.

If your canine companion is obese something does need to be done about it. Ask us about solutions today.