

Henry Schein Animal Health Recognizes Pet Diabetes Month By Raising Awareness And Offering Educational Resources

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Downloadable Infographic Offers Information to Veterinarians and Pet Parents About Disease's Warning Signs and Risk Factors

MELVILLE, N.Y., Nov. 3, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- In recognition of November as Pet Diabetes Month, Henry Schein, Inc. (Nasdaq: HSIC) is raising awareness of the disease among the veterinary community and pet parents in a number of ways, including the creation of a [resource center](#) featuring links to educational materials. In addition, Henry Schein Animal Health has made an infographic [available for download](#) that veterinary practices can share on social media and with their clients, all in an effort to enhance the understanding of pet diabetes and improve management of the disease.

According to Merck Animal Health, a key source of information about pet diabetes featured on the Henry Schein Animal Health resource center, diabetes—a disease caused by the lack of insulin that regulates blood-sugar levels—affects as many as 1 in 100 dogs and cats. However, many pet owners may be unaware of the disease's risk factors and warning signs. Early diagnosis and management of the disease are essential, as this can help prevent more serious medical issues, including heart and kidney problems, severe cataracts in dogs, and hind-leg weakness in cats.

Veterinarians and pet owners can also use the educational resources to learn about the various risk factors to be aware of in dogs and cats, such as age, genetics, and obesity. It is also noted in the resource center that for dogs specifically, unspayed females and certain breeds are at greater risk, while the disease is more prevalent in neutered male cats and cats that get little physical exercise. Early warning signs that pet owners should be aware of include:

- Excessive thirst
- Excessive urination
- Excessive hunger while losing weight
- Lethargy
- Cloudy eyes (dogs)
- Doesn't groom (cats)
- Thinning, dry, and dull hair

Veterinarians can also use the new Henry Schein Animal Health resource center to access information on upcoming diabetes-related webinars and podcasts. In addition, the November issue of Henry Schein Animal Health's *Animal Health Solution* magazine features an article entitled "[Understanding Diabetes](#)," which provides basic information on the disease, as well as clinical signs and treatment options.

"It is essential that pet parents understand the risk factors that can lead to diabetes in their pets, as well as the warning signs that indicate that they may need to consult their veterinarian," said Fran Dirksmeier, President, Henry Schein Animal Health, North America. "Education and knowledge are the most effective weapons against pet diabetes. We encourage veterinarians and pet parents to avail themselves of the webinars, podcasts, infographic, and links available on Henry Schein Animal Health's dedicated pet diabetes resource center."

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