

18:31:15 <john\_and\_budda> hello....sorry i am late :)  
18:31:15 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi john :) hi deanie :)  
18:31:28 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> s'ok - just got here myself :)  
18:31:30 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi sara!  
18:31:36 <saraeli> hi guys- am i early or what?  
18:31:44 <john\_and\_budda> i think we all are...lol  
18:31:59 <saraeli> eager beavers... whats the topic tonite?  
18:32:08 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> tres early sara :) did you get your prize btw?  
18:32:12 <jonPIA> Hey guys!  
18:32:15 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi jon :)  
18:32:28 <saraeli> oh lisa- i meant to email you - the guys went NUTSO for that catnip bag!  
18:32:44 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> tonight's topic is ""what to ask my vet?""...i wanna do kind of what we did last week and develop a document  
18:32:47 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> welcome boog  
18:32:52 <saraeli> eli's PS at +12 was 44 the next morning!!!  
18:32:54 <boog> hi  
18:33:00 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi vickie :)  
18:33:13 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> boog can you ID yourself? name and kitty name please ;)  
18:33:14 <Vickie\_Shadow> evening everyone  
18:33:22 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> well that beats gorb tonight - 115 PS  
18:33:24 <saraeli> hi vickie  
18:33:28 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> driving me bananas !  
18:33:37 <boog> sorry I am new to this...my name is Jen and kitty is boog  
18:33:43 <deanie> hey jen--welcome!  
18:33:47 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi jen and boog :)  
18:33:48 <saraeli> tell me about it... eli's been throwing us lows every 3-4 days, but it never lasts...  
18:33:52 <Vickie\_Shadow> hi jen  
18:33:56 <boog> am here for help with boog  
18:33:59 <saraeli> hi jen  
18:34:03 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> your member name can be anything - we do roll call so we know the person behind the cat ;)  
18:34:12 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi kristen :)  
18:34:22 <Vickie\_Shadow> hi kristen  
18:34:25 <john\_and\_budda> hi vickie !!....hows shadow doing?

18:34:26 \* **Lisa\_and\_Gorb** (Plays Sound: applause.au) everybody is so timely this week LOL

18:34:27 <**choppers**> actually, it's not just choppers here, i'm here too!

18:34:28 <**jonPIA**> Me gots questions on how to keep starlings out of outdoor kitty's dry food

18:34:31 <**Vickie\_Shadow**> john how is budda

18:34:40 <**deanie**> good luck, jon

18:34:47 <**john\_and\_budda**> hello all...sorry i was afk for a sec..... filled up quick

18:34:52 <**saraeli**> hmmm put up a bid feeder?

18:35:03 <**john\_and\_budda**> he is doing fine....nappin right now

18:35:05 <**saraeli**> bird feeder

18:35:05 <**boog**> how much does food come into place with getting boog regulated

18:35:20 <**deanie**> kelley, you made it!

18:35:21 <**saraeli**> it can affect it quite a bit - what does he eat?

18:35:22 <**Lisa\_and\_Gorb**> hi phxcatz

18:35:31 <**choppers**> i have to clean my apartment during chat, so i'll be in and out

18:35:32 <**boog**> he is on science diet w/d

18:35:41 <**saraeli**> CLEAN?!?

18:35:47 <**deanie**> what's clean?

18:35:48 <**phxcatz**> Hi to all, this is my first chat room

18:35:54 <**Lisa\_and\_Gorb**> come by and take care of our place choppers too :)

18:35:59 <**Vickie\_Shadow**> hi phxcatz

18:36:01 <**boog**> he has been on 3 types of insulin since oct

18:36:04 <**john\_and\_budda**> hello phxcatz

18:36:05 <**Lisa\_and\_Gorb**> phxcatz can you introduce yourself :) name and kitty name

18:36:06 <**choppers**> the funny thing is, i have a cleaning lady, but i have to 'straighten up' for her

18:36:12 <**deanie**> jen, that's too many in 3 months

18:36:15 <**jonPIA**> Actually I'd like to use a shotgun on the damn starlings. I put food out for the outdoor kitty and a flock of starlings comes in and eats it all in ten minutes.

18:36:21 <**Lisa\_and\_Gorb**> we used to do that too kristen LOL

18:36:24 <**boog**> he is now on pzi at 6 units

18:36:24 <**phxcatz**> Kelley and Sadie

18:36:32 <**Lisa\_and\_Gorb**> okay - its getting busy so let's take things one ? at a time :)

18:36:35 <saraeli> ahhh- well, thats an old school food... it has pretty high carb content which can affect his glucose levels... you may want to talk to your vet about low carb foods - purina DM is a new trend in treating diabetes.

18:36:35 <jonPIA> And they poop all over my cars in the driveway.

18:36:39 <deanie> kelley and sadie are neighbors to boo

18:36:43 <choppers> it's only \$40 every two weeks...and i come home to that pinesol freshness...

18:36:53 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> jen and boog - what can we help you with? then we'll get to you kelley and sadie :)

18:37:07 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> neighbors of boo are friends of ours :)

18:37:17 <Vickie\_Shadow> hi kelly

18:37:24 <Kelly> hello

18:37:26 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> jen - am i remembering right - you just posted for the first time tonight right?

18:37:30 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi kelly :)

18:37:42 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> lots of insulins and lots of doses for Boog - right?

18:37:48 <boog> yes you are remembering right..thks for the invite here...

18:38:03 <boog> yep...3 types of insulins since oct...

18:38:06 <jonPIA> Hi Kelly!

18:38:16 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> jen did you have specific ?s about the responses or did you want more info on rebound, hometesting, whatever...

18:38:18 <saraeli> is it your vet that keeps switching?

18:38:22 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> just let us know how we can help :)

18:38:31 <saraeli> she wants to know about food, lisa

18:38:38 <deanie> and boog has had no curves, right?

18:38:48 <boog> well, I do not home test with blood, but with urine dip strips

18:39:04 <deanie> no vet curves either though--is that right?

18:39:12 <boog> he just will not pee on command

18:39:16 <boog> no vet curve

18:39:18 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> they never do ;)

18:39:19 <saraeli> if you do start home tesing blood, it will help tremendously

18:39:29 <deanie> boo does--all he needs is a clean litterbox

18:39:38 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> jen - time to start hometesting...you're vet is making some dangerous moves with Boog's treatment imho

18:39:58 \*john\_and\_budda MOTIONS/wink.gif and home testing is pretty easy after the first time doing it

18:40:04 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> kelley and sadie if any of this is applicable to you jump on in :)

18:40:11 <Vickie\_Shadow> so true john

18:40:12 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi sue and sandi klaws :)

18:40:15 <boog> no he does not need a clean litterbox..he is pretty good about that

18:40:28 <phxcatz> Home testing is very easy. My vet did not know about it, but I surfed the net

18:40:36 <Sue\_and\_Sandi> Hi Lisa, and John and Buddha

18:40:37 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> jen what city/state are you in? maybe there's someone nearby that can help out..

18:40:42 <boog> what is the cost

18:40:44 <choppers> my vet didn't know about it either, and now she's a convert!

18:40:44 <saraeli> but urine glucose really doesn't give you the specifics for changing doses of insulin.

18:40:47 <boog> hershey, pa

18:40:50 <john\_and\_budda> hello sue and sandiklaws

18:40:58 <choppers> she even asked me for information on testing dogs at home!

18:41:03 <saraeli> no wonder he's diabetic LOL

18:41:06 <boog> no just chocolate

18:41:10 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> we have folks in PA - not sure if they're near you..check the directory at Gorbzilla.com

18:41:18 <phxcatz> You need to buy the glucose monitor, but you normally get a rebate. The test strips are the most expensive portion.

18:41:19 <choppers> if urine glucose is negative, though, that can tell you alot. ask vicki and shadow!

18:41:41 <Vickie\_Shadow> so true, it saved her life

18:41:43 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi karen :) hi arlene :)

18:41:49 <choppers> choppers is trying to get at his toothpaste! is there anything wrong with giving him alot of it?

18:41:58 <Arlene> Hi Everyone

18:42:05 <Vickie\_Shadow> hi arlene

18:42:10 <john\_and\_budda> hello arlene...and hello karen

18:42:18 <Karen> Hi, everyone! Finally I made a chat!

18:42:26 <boog> i am starting to think my vet just wants to bleed my bank acct dry

18:42:28 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> we've got a handful of chat newbies we're helping out folks..so jump on in if you can help :)

18:42:29 <choppers> hi karen!

18:42:38 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> which karen are you? LOL :)

18:42:42 <saraeli> well home testing will save you money at the vet's for sure...

18:42:50 <phxcatz> Does anyone use PZI insulin??

18:42:53 <choppers> actually, jen, curves are expensive, so if he wanted to bleed you dry, he'd have done tons of 'em by now!

18:42:55 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> jen - some vets, even good ones, just aren't experienced with FD

18:42:59 <boog> we just started pzi

18:43:04 <Karen> Karen of Karen & Yngwie. Tried to log on Yng's name and it wouldn't let me!

18:43:05 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> kelley we use BR PZI

18:43:17 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> got it karen - thanks ;)

18:43:21 <boog> i did not know there were different kinds...

18:43:23 <john\_and\_budda> how is the little guitar god doing?

18:43:28 <boog> what is the differenct...

18:43:31 <phxcatz> one vial is approx \$120 at my vet. Is this normal??

18:43:32 <Sue\_and\_Sandi> I can hekp with a meter, cleaned my room today and found a brnad new Ultra Touch in my dresser. Dont remember seeing it before.

18:43:42 <boog> no

18:43:43 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> jen which pzi are you using? same ? kelley?

18:43:45 <saraeli> jen- are you using Blue RIdge PZI too?

18:43:46 <choppers> see, i'm not the only one cleaning...

18:43:52 <boog> I pay 30.00 a vial thru the mail

18:44:07 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> jen i think you're using human pzi - not animal

18:44:10 <boog> wedgewood pharmacy out of nj

18:44:18 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> ah the new generic...

18:44:22 <Karen> John-- Yngwie's swell. Just decreased doses successfully

18:44:25 <boog> huh

18:44:36 <saraeli> \$120 is pretty right for Blue Ridge these days...

18:44:38 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> jen i'm a little skeptical of the new PZI - might be wonderful but its new, no track record yet

18:44:39 <boog> is this bad generic....??

18:44:50 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> BR is \$80 and some vets mark up kelley

18:44:53 <phxcatz> mine is PZI Vet, manufactured by IDEXX

18:45:02 <deanie> lisa, wedgewood isn't new--it's humulin PZI

18:45:04 <Karen> No way.. Why is Blue Ridge so high?

18:45:10 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> its not bad jen - its just its brand new to the FD community...so no proven history

18:45:26 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> wedgewood is now doing 100%% beef pzi deanie - that's the new \$30/vial stuff

18:45:28 <boog> oh great....sigh

18:45:29 <phxcatz> supposedly mine is experimental via the FDA??

18:45:40 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> BCP is around the same as BR - but you don't get the vet markup

18:45:46 <deanie> i think that was a different pharmacy, not wedgewood

18:45:49 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> all pzi's are experimental kelley

18:46:01 <deanie> kelley, i think i've heard of your vet

18:46:10 <phxcatz> I have surfed the web and found PZI for approx 55 or 60

18:46:13 <deanie> i think i know someone else who goes to her

18:46:17 <boog> where

18:46:17 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> i thought it was the same place - in NJ shipping the stuff

18:46:28 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> bcp pzi is around \$60 vial and is shipped direct to user so no vet markup

18:46:34 <boog> I know that there is pzi that is shipped from the UK

18:46:42 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> br pzi is \$80 vial and is shipped to vets so some add markup

18:47:02 <boog> but is getting hard cause of that mad cow thing...

18:47:07 <phxcatz> Has anyone had trouble with their vet in giving a prescription so I could purchase this on line???

18:47:09 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> there is uk pzi jen but you don't need to think of that as an option yet...boog hasn't given any insulin a real chance yet ;)

18:47:15 <boog> i think i read that on sugarcats.com

18:47:34 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> you can't purchase BR PZI yourself kelley - vets only...if you wanted to switch to BCP your vet would call in a scrip

18:47:41 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi jenny and boo :)

18:47:45 <jenny\_and\_boo> hello evryone

18:47:55 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> jen - you've got bigger issues now than worrying about uk pzi :)

18:48:01 <Arlene> Hi Jen

18:48:11 <Karen> Hey, Jen

18:48:13 <Arlene> oops Jenny

18:48:15 <boog> oh, like what...i am getting scared

18:48:17 <phxcatz> Is BCP the firm that you need to buy 3 vials at one

time, approx \$180?

18:48:19 <jenny\_and\_boo> what lisa

18:48:26 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> you need to start at square one imho, with whatever insulin you think you want to give a chance (I'll presume you've got a handful of vials in the frig LOL)

18:48:49 <deanie> no, bcp will ship one vial at a time

18:48:50 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> no kelley - you used to have to buy 3 vials of BR at a time but that policy ceased in Sept

18:49:00 <boog> i have a small pharmacy in my fidge...

18:49:04 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> sorry jenny - we've got a jen in the room too :)

18:49:13 <jenny\_and\_boo> oooh!

18:49:22 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> so folks, somebody take jen and boog through ""starting over"" :)

18:49:32 <boog> sigh

18:49:40 <boog> sorry to be so much trouble...

18:49:50 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> oh no jen - that's what we're here for :)

18:49:52 <deanie> ok, pick an insulin--any insulin

18:49:55 <jenny\_and\_boo> hey cindy

18:49:59 <CindyandRed> Hi everyone!

18:50:04 <deanie> wait--toss the bottle of N

18:50:06 <boog> humulin n...he seemed to come down on that

18:50:07 <Arlene> Hi Cindy

18:50:07 <choppers> hi cindy!

18:50:09 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi cindy!

18:50:14 <boog> why

18:50:26 <Karen> Jen, did you try U? Can't remember

18:50:31 <deanie> N doesn't work well for most cats

18:50:33 <boog> yes it d id nothing....

18:50:40 <Arlene> brb

18:50:44 <deanie> i would stay with the PZI myself

18:50:48 <Sue\_and\_Sandi> Geez, Jen weve allbeen there, Sandi and I started over 2 weeks ago. I feel alot better about the shole thing now.

18:50:50 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> actually he really didn't jen - you were looking at ""moment in time"" #s not curves...apples and oranges

18:50:50 <boog> ok

18:51:14 <Karen> I like U so far, but every cat's different!

18:51:19 <boog> the u did nothing but he was only on it for about 1 1/2 weeks

18:51:36 <phxcatz> I started with U, but Sadie would not ever get lower than 460

18:51:37 <boog> and they kept uping him so quick

18:51:44 <Karen> my vet recommended PZI, said it was a ""Godsend""

18:52:33 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> about 30%% of cats don't respond to U kelley...some problem with absorption

18:52:43 <Karen> I think that's part of the problem... you should stick it out longer

18:52:49 <saraeli> guys. i goota go.. i'l check back later- hopefully you'll still be here (who am i kidding?)

18:52:50 <phxcatz> Took awhile for Sadie to get regulated on PZI and I also changed her food to Science Diet DM

18:52:57 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> jen this is the time to start home testing too :)

18:52:57 <CindyandRed> bye sara

18:53:13 <Arlene> bye sara

18:53:22 <boog> i am really getting the feeling that his diet may be wrong...

18:53:43 <boog> he is on the science diet w/d

18:53:45 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> if you go back to square one jen this is the time to think about changing the diet too

18:53:51 <Karen> DM was wonderful for us. It lowered his BGs by 100

18:53:59 <phxcatz> Does anyone regulate the feeding time??

18:53:59 <boog> am i repeating myself...???

18:54:05 <Arlene> I do

18:54:09 <deanie> we don't

18:54:16 <Arlene> BK is meal fed

18:54:20 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> w/d is very high in carbs - you can go to a low carb diet that works well for a lot of us

18:54:20 <Karen> We don't either

18:54:25 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> ours are all meal fed

18:54:38 <Arlene> I started meal feeding all my cats this weekend

18:54:43 <boog> boog has food out all the time...is that an issue??

18:54:46 <phxcatz> I have another cat in the house and it is difficult to try to feed separate cats

18:54:51 <choppers> choppers chows down everything in front of him...no free feeding here!

18:54:54 <deanie> lisa, i found the lab who is making the beef PZI--it's Manchester Labs

18:54:57 <Arlene> lets just say the two civvies are not impressed at the

moment LOL

18:55:03 <Vickie\_Shadow> explain meal fed

18:55:03 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> that's it ! thanks deanie :)

18:55:12 <deanie> LOL, kelley, i've got 5 other cats here!

18:55:16 <Sue\_and\_Sandi> what does meal fed mean?

18:55:28 <Arlene> I feed him 45-60 mins ps in am

18:55:28 <phxcatz> Deanie, do you feed both the DM?

18:55:30 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> not leaving food out all day ie free-feeding

18:55:36 <choppers> giving them half their daily calories at each meal, no free feeding

18:55:36 <Arlene> I feed him lunch

18:55:38 <deanie> no, we don't use DM

18:55:44 <deanie> too pricey for 6 cats

18:55:50 <Arlene> I feed dinner 45-60 ins ps

18:55:51 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> we do 2 meals + protein snacks

18:55:53 <phxcatz> gotcha!!!

18:56:06 <jenny\_and\_boo> we free feed

18:56:08 <deanie> we have wellness dry, ff and nutro canned

18:56:31 <jenny\_and\_boo> if i had it to do over i would meal feed

18:56:35 <Vickie\_Shadow> deanie who carrys wellness?

18:56:41 <boog> oh nooo, screaming kid...got to go

18:56:53 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> [www.omhpet.com](http://www.omhpet.com) is wellness' website - you can use their store locator

18:57:03 <Vickie\_Shadow> thanks

18:57:04 <phxcatz> Did anyone ever free feed and then convert to meal feed???

18:57:04 <boog> thanks soooo much for all the info...sandpaper kisses and fuzzy hug to all...

18:57:08 <deanie> there's no way I can meal feed

18:57:10 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> also gorb usually has coupons for retailers that carry wellness (like petfoodexpress and petfooddirect)

18:57:20 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> night jen :)

18:57:28 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> glad you could stop in

18:57:33 <choppers> choppers used to free feed on the nutra max lite

18:57:34 <deanie> on work days i've got 40 minutes to shower, dress and get out the house--i don't have time to play with the cats food

18:57:41 <Sue\_and\_Sandi> We are finding it uff to wait the 12 hours to fed and shoot Sandi. we are not early risers and it means his

supper is 7:30 or 8.

18:58:04 <CindyandRed> hi Diana

18:58:06 <choppers> choppers bites me when i don't get out of bed to feed him in the morning!

18:58:08 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> sue have you thought about snacks to tide him over? or a timed feeder?

18:58:11 <Arlene> Hi Diana

18:58:11 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi diana

18:58:21 <jenny\_and\_boo> hi diana

18:58:30 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> gorb would sleep in if i let him LOL...sleep more important than food most days ;)

18:58:30 <deanie> kelley, you should check out Goober Express for food

18:58:34 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi sandra :)

18:58:35 <choppers> although i once chastised him about letting me sleep through my alarm...

18:58:41 <phxcatz> So far, it seems to be working with the free feed for both cats.

18:58:43 <CindyandRed> Hi Sandra

18:58:50 <barnzo> hi

18:58:51 <phxcatz> Is Goober Express online?

18:58:55 <barnzo> back all

18:58:55 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> if it ain't broken, don't fix it ;)

18:59:00 <deanie> yes it is

18:59:07 <jonPIA> Gotta go - American Experience is on with my hometwon (Chicago) on tonight!

18:59:09 <CindyandRed> Hi Erimess

18:59:10 <jenny\_and\_boo> hi erimess

18:59:13 <deanie> there's alink to it at my site

18:59:14 <Erimesse> Hi folks

18:59:14 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> night jon :)

18:59:18 <Vickie\_Shadow> how do you determine daily total calorie intake?

18:59:19 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi erimesse and karen

18:59:20 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> oops - bugged out

18:59:20 <Arlene> Bye Jon

18:59:20 <Bugs\_Bean> hi everybody

18:59:23 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> wb diana

18:59:25 <deanie> they deliver right to your door

18:59:39 <choppers> 20-30 calories per pound of cat

18:59:43 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi nora!  
18:59:45 <jenny\_and\_boo> hi nora  
18:59:49 <CindyandRed> Hi Nora and Karen

18:59:51 <Bugs\_Bean> Hi Nora  
18:59:55 <deanie> LOL, we don't count calories wither  
18:59:57 <Erimess> How's the new kitty, Nora?  
18:59:58 <deanie> either  
19:00:06 <Sue\_and\_Sandi> Sandi gets snacks, he took a loin roast today and  
chowed down. He is bad to open the fridge and get  
in.  
19:00:16 <Arlene> LOL  
19:00:18 <Nora> hi all, it's nora with buddy on my lap getting lots of  
loving and finny downstairs ignoring us  
19:00:20 <deanie> oh sue that's funny  
19:00:20 <choppers> i have kept choppers at the low end (20 cal per  
pound) and he can't lose an ounce!  
19:00:32 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> so buddy and finny getting along well? lol  
19:00:56 <Nora> i would've loved to have teh gorby cam today!!  
19:01:04 <phxcatz> Sadie is approx 10 lbs and since she has been on the  
DM, it does not appear that she has lost any wight  
19:01:07 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi ellen :)  
19:01:14 <kismet> Hi - It's Ellen & Kismet :)  
19:01:14 <choppers> animal precinct is on right now, and some woman is  
trying to make her cats vegetarians...  
19:01:19 <deanie> is 10 lbs about right for her?  
19:01:19 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> lots of kitty action, eh nora? sorry we missed it!  
19:01:21 <barnzo> hi ellen  
19:01:29 <Arlene> Hi Ellen  
19:01:32 <choppers> they're all really skinny...sick!  
19:01:35 <jenny\_and\_boo> hi ellen  
19:01:37 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> hi ellen  
19:01:37 <Erimess> Who is Barnzo?  
19:01:37 <Vickie\_Shadow> Hi Ellen  
19:01:42 <Bugs\_Bean> Hi Ellen  
19:01:44 <Nora> hey ellen  
19:01:47 <phxcatz> I got her when she was 3 years old and she has  
always weighed 10 lbs

19:01:53 <jenny\_and\_boo> how much does choppers weigh?  
19:01:56 <kismet> Thanx for the warm welcome  
19:02:00 <barnzo> sandra is Barnzo  
19:02:11 <deanie> well, maintainng her weight is good  
19:02:20 <choppers> 17 pounds!  
19:02:23 <barnzo> she can't sign on as Barneys bean because it is registered,,LOL  
19:02:26 <Erimes> Brarnzo? That's an interesting nickname.  
19:02:36 <jenny\_and\_boo> boo too  
19:02:36 <choppers> he lost some before he was diagnosed, but gained it on the DM  
19:02:42 <Erimes> Ah  
19:02:49 <barnzo> barnzo, another name for Barney  
19:03:02 <choppers> he was an outside cat before i got him. i think that has something to do with it  
19:03:07 <phxcatz> Shouldn't they lose weight on the DM as it is low carb??  
19:03:12 <choppers> honestly, i've never seen a pet so lazy!  
19:03:30 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> dm is very high calorie kelley  
19:03:30 <deanie> it's low carb but high calorie, esp. the dry  
19:03:30 <Karen> LOL Yngwie should have a nickname  
19:03:30 <jenny\_and\_boo> boo  
19:03:30 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> High fat !  
19:03:31 <choppers> i'm sure choppers lost muscle though, then gained it back on the DM  
19:03:35 <Arlene> DM is very high in calories  
19:03:37 <barnzo> DM Dry has about 500 calories in a cup  
19:03:40 <Arlene> the dry  
19:03:49 <deanie> you guys should have seen boo stalk a pigeon today  
19:03:56 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> i think its even more than that sandra - just over 600  
19:03:58 <choppers> wellness is higher in fat, but choppers didn't like it  
19:04:05 <Bugs\_Bean> what's the caloric content of a pigeon?  
19:04:07 <barnzo> no kidding  
19:04:07 <Erimes> John, I've been catching up reading today. Congrats on the hometesting. Nice numbers.  
19:04:19 <Karen> Did boo have pigeon for lunch?  
19:04:19 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> lol karen  
19:04:30 <deanie> no he didn't but it sure was fun to watch him

19:04:32 <kismet> How is Barnz anyway, Sandra?

19:04:36 <john\_and\_budda> thanks so much... i upped his dose to 1 1/2 units now

19:04:41 <Bugs\_Bean> I'm still trying to catch up, spent the weekend getting from 12/20 to 1/2... gotta tackle 2003 messages now

19:04:48 <deanie> he tried really really hard too!

19:04:54 <barnzo> he goes for acupuncture on Wednesday

19:04:58 <barnzo> first visit

19:05:02 <Erimesse> Karen, you're a little behind!

19:05:06 <kismet> for appetite issues?

19:05:07 <barnzo> his numbers have been great

19:05:11 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hey are folks ready to vote on the friday fun contest? then we'll get on-topic around 9:15

19:05:17 <barnzo> more or less

19:05:23 <barnzo> to get the juices flowing

19:05:30 <Erimesse> Are there any new ones since my post earlier?

19:05:30 <Bugs\_Bean> Well, Ryan just went back to Illinois and I spent a few days doing stuff with him, so no board time

19:05:38 <Erimesse> Should I go read?

19:05:39 <choppers> sure!

19:05:47 <kismet> Hi Tess

19:05:50 <jenny\_and\_boo> i got to go read them again quickly

19:05:52 <CindyandRed> Hi Tess

19:05:56 <Bugs\_Bean> and now I have a plumbing leak - figures it couldn't happen when I had 3 days off from work

19:05:59 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> I'm off to read

19:05:59 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi tess

19:06:01 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Hi everyone! Wow -- big crowd!

19:06:02 <Kelly> JJ is supposed to go on a low sodium diet...

19:06:05 <deanie> i already know my vote

19:06:05 <Bugs\_Bean> Hi Tess

19:06:06 <Arlene> Hi Tess

19:06:09 <john\_and\_budda> hello tess

19:06:23 <barnzo> what is it Deanie

19:06:24 <choppers> hi tess!

19:06:28 <Erimesse> I forgot my vote. I better go look.

19:06:44 <Bugs\_Bean> I didn't check the Friday Fun until late today- but I checked the other Funs and Wackies while I was

there, so got caught up on that

19:06:52 <john\_and\_budda> what are you voting on?

19:06:56 <barnzo> hey Deanie when you said to give karo today, I knew it was serious

19:07:14 <deanie> i know--i never use karo

19:07:25 <Kelly> are there any food charts that show sodium amounts?

19:07:30 <Erimesse> John, on same site, Gorb's, in the message board, Fun Friday. She has a contest every week.

19:07:31 <Bugs\_Bean> was that reading really LO? or was it a boo-boo reading?

19:07:34 <barnzo> I know, I know, but you were right on the mark

19:07:38 <deanie> but if boo gave me a LO, he'd be dipped in it

19:07:43 <phxcatz> Is there an easy way to give Karo?

19:07:47 <john\_and\_budda> k..... i will check...brb

19:07:54 <barnzo> LOLLOLOLOL

19:07:55 <deanie> LOL, i don't think so

19:07:59 <choppers> rubbed on their gums

19:08:01 <Karen> Gotta go do my +10 curve number. See ya!

19:08:16 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb okay i'm gonna give the 5 finalists for folks to vote on

19:08:19 <deanie> i figure Janet taught her how to home test and it was most likely a valid reading

19:08:19 <Arlene> I gotta go do shot brb

19:08:26 <choppers> plus, i'll mix cat milk, karo, and wet food and feed it to Choppes in a syringe

19:08:29 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb then i'll private message you for your vote

19:08:32 <Bugs\_Bean> ah, ok, wasn't sure

19:08:34 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> wb diana

19:08:41 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> thx

19:08:47 <choppers> can we vote for ourselves?

19:08:51 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb ready?

19:08:58 <jenny\_and\_boo> go

19:08:59 <Nora> oui

19:09:00 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> only if you're one of the 5 finalists kristen ;)

19:09:03 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> ok

19:09:17 <deanie> who picked the finalists?

19:09:20 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb 1 ""its much easier to eat without a costume on""

19:09:22 <choppers> dang! i must not be one of 'em

19:09:23 <Erimesse> You mean we can actually vote for ourselves. Isn't that a little tacky. :-)

19:09:29 <barnzo> how do you determine the finalists?

19:09:32 <deanie> is this another one fo those rigged votes?

19:09:44 <choppers> well, choppers didn't ask people to vote for him during the calendar contest...

19:09:46 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb 2 ""please sir, may i have some more?""

19:09:48 <barnzo> Oh, you are the judge, right Lisa

19:09:52 <choppers> neither did his momma!

19:09:57 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> I vote for Erimesse

19:10:01 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> I bet ""Dubya"" voted for HIMself.

19:10:01 <Erimesse> Thanks

19:10:06 <Vickie\_Shadow> i vote for Erimesse

19:10:08 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb 3 ""grrr...i want mice, the white meat""

19:10:09 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> Sure he did

19:10:23 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb folks you don't vote here or by name - follow along please ;)

19:10:31 <deanie> ok,mom

19:10:33 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> Mice - white meat would fly if the food bowl were full!

19:10:40 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb 4 ""ooooh...i can't believe i at ethe whole thing""

19:10:48 <barnzo> burp

19:10:49 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> yes maam

19:10:53 <choppers> i know what gorb would vote for...

19:11:02 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb 5 who's the joker who put tabasco sauce on my gifilte fish""

19:11:12 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb fyi - finalists this week were chosen by coworkers of mine

19:11:13 <choppers> get this gal-darned costume off me fer cripes sakes!

19:11:13 <deanie> hey my favorite isn't there!

19:11:17 <Bugs\_Bean> was Gorb EATING gifilte fish????

19:11:21 <barnzo> mine either

19:11:26 <barnzo> mine cracked me up

19:11:31 <deanie> i liked sandra's

19:11:32 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> now - i'm gonna poll you for your vote - just give me a number 1 -5

19:11:37 <choppers> mine too, barnzo!

19:11:42 \* barnzo (Plays Sound: evillaugh.au) evillaugh

19:11:58 <john\_and\_budda> i still dont see what the contest was for...lol....i

19:12:09 <Bugs\_Bean> know....i am slow  
 19:12:17 <Bugs\_Bean> the caption for Gorb's dinner pic  
 19:12:18 <choppers> or was it breakfast pic?  
 19:12:26 <Erimesse> there was a pic of gorb who had nearly finished a  
 19:12:37 <choppers> bowl of food and said, make up a caption  
 19:12:43 <Nora> You can catch it next week, John. Watch for the  
 19:12:46 <Kelly> post from Lisa on the board.  
 19:12:47 <Bugs\_Bean> is that jj of kelly and jj?  
 19:12:50 <Kelly> hi kelly  
 19:12:50 <deanie> i hope not!  
 19:12:51 <Vickie\_Shadow> I thought Kelly was here already  
 19:12:57 <Kelly> i am.  
 19:12:57 <choppers> jj has learned to type? cool!  
 19:12:58 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> hi kelly  
 19:13:01 <jenny\_and\_boo> lol, JJ is sleeping in the rocking chair.  
 19:13:03 <jj> sorry, kelly!  
 19:13:07 <Erimesse> hi kelly  
 19:13:12 <kismet> john on the message board under games and contest  
 19:13:12 <jenny\_and\_boo> Hello everyone, I finally got into the room, its jamie  
 19:13:16 <deanie> and ansel Mr. A  
 19:13:18 <jj> Kelly \*is\* already here.  
 19:13:19 <Bugs\_Bean> Hi Jamie  
 19:13:19 <Nora> gorb's message board  
 19:13:20 <choppers> hi jamie  
 19:13:20 <jenny\_and\_boo> Hello!  
 19:13:27 <Nora> Hi Jamie  
 19:13:35 <jj> hello jamie  
 19:13:42 <Erimesse> sorry, sorry! i thought she was  
 19:13:45 <Kelly> hi jamie  
 19:13:56 <Kelly> sorry, kelly! how is jj, anyway?  
 19:14:02 <Erimesse> I am under jj on the right side  
 19:14:22 <Kelly> By the way, {{{{{{{{{{{Kelly}}}}}}}}}}  
 19:14:27 <Erimesse> he's doing better. he's sleeping now.  
 thank you, Erimesse.  
 How you feeling?  
 not so good. this is really hard.  
 I know

19:14:35 <Arlene> I was just reading the post about JJ {{{HUGS}}}

19:14:49 <choppers> choppers is sleeping now too, the big lazy lug!

19:15:01 <Kelly> i wish the vet hadn't given me a time length... i would rather not know a time length.

19:15:08 <choppers> kelly, you are doing such a great job!

19:15:15 <Erimesse> I now it's hard, but ignore the time length.

19:15:19 <deanie> kelly, ignore the time they gave you

19:15:22 <Bugs\_Bean> what's wrong with JJ? If it happened between 1/2/03 and today, I haven't got that far in my catch up yet!

19:15:24 <choppers> the last time i checked, that vet was not God!

19:15:36 <deanie> eve's vet said blue would be gone in days and i think he lasted another 2 months

19:15:48 <Bugs\_Bean> I never pay attention to the ""time line"" Bug never pays attention either

19:15:50 <Kelly> god, now i'm crying... i don't know if im' doing anything right at all

19:16:03 <choppers> vets don't want to get your hopes up. they rather be pessimistic so nobody says, ""but you told me he'd last longer...""

19:16:22 <choppers> yes you are, honey. you're doing everything you can, and that's the right thing.

19:16:23 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> We're here for you, Kelly.

19:16:27 <barnzo> Kelly, I have watched you from afar, You have done everything right for JJ

19:16:29 <Erimesse> Oh, Kelly, you have done so much for JJ!!

19:16:41 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> You've been right there for JJ and have had him treated EVERY time he's been in distress.

19:16:59 <Nora> kelly, you're doing the best you possibly can, and jj loves you for it.

19:17:21 <jenny\_and\_boo> kitties know what we are doing for them

19:17:26 <choppers> remember when JJ looked up at you the other night? HE thinks you're doing the right thing.

19:17:29 <barnzo> JJ would not have had a chance if it were not for you

19:17:34 <Kelly> but every time he goes to sleep, he might not wake up...

19:17:46 <Kelly> and if his lungs fill up again, i won't be able to do anything this time.

19:17:51 <Bugs\_Bean> what about the kitty who they said would be around about a month and went on for like 4 more years???

19:17:53 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> that's ALL of us!

19:17:54 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> My Sparkle was not like that, Kelly.

19:17:58 <kismet> Am I still here - I mean whenever I vote I usually get booted ;)

19:17:59 <Bugs\_Bean> didn't I see that on the board awhile back?

19:18:22 <Kelly> i feel like now i am just watching him die

19:18:23 <Bugs\_Bean> Kelly, we all live with that - Bug's heart has her on borrowed time too

19:18:23 <choppers> JJ wouldn't leave you that way.

19:18:34 <Erimesse> Kelly, right now you're watching him live!

19:18:39 <CindyandRed> hi sally

19:18:46 <Sally\_and\_Penny> Hi everyone

19:18:47 <Bugs\_Bean> I'm frightened if I wake up and she didn't come to wake me at the regular time, you know?

19:18:48 <kismet> hi sally

19:18:51 <choppers> actually, i think of that everytime choppers goes to sleep, and he doesn't have a heart condition

19:18:55 <Bugs\_Bean> or if she's not waiting at the door when I come home

19:18:56 <choppers> i just have anxiety

19:18:59 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi sally :)

19:19:02 <Nora> kelly, sometimes there are things going on that you can't do anything about

19:19:06 <Arlene> Hi Sally

19:19:10 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> True, Nora.

19:19:14 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> kb too and he's fine

19:19:16 <Bugs\_Bean> all you can do is love him - he knows that

19:19:25 <deanie> oh crap, i still worry if i don't see boo the second i get up or get home from work

19:19:27 <Bugs\_Bean> you do the best you can and they know

19:19:29 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> he definitely feels the love!

19:19:31 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Kelly, enjoy every single day. Don't look at it as watching him die.

19:19:31 <choppers> they're all just borrowed from heaven anyway

19:19:44 <Erimesse> Yeah, I worry if Sammy isn't at the door wanting food the second I walk in.

19:19:54 <deanie> hey debra

19:19:54 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb we have a winner folks

19:19:54 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> too true choppers

19:19:55 <Erimesse> Hi Debra

19:19:55 <CindyandRed> Hi Deb

19:19:55 <kismet> Think of each moment as a blessing - as a gift

19:19:58 <Bugs\_Bean> Hi Debra  
19:19:58 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi debra :)  
19:20:01 <CBsBean> Hi all :)  
19:20:05 <Kelly> its' worse b/c i'm in school... if something happens while i'm in class, i won't even know until i come home.  
19:20:07 <choppers> i finally had to tell meyslf not to obsess about choppers dying  
19:20:07 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Hi Debra!  
19:20:13 <Sally\_and\_Penny> Hi Debra  
19:20:14 <john\_and\_budda> hello  
19:20:18 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> most of us are at work all day  
19:20:19 <Arlene> Hi Debra  
19:20:22 <Erimess> So, how come ""CBs bean?""  
19:20:24 <choppers> afterall, he's going to live another ten years!  
19:20:25 <Bugs\_Bean> Kelly, it's like that for us, I go to work and worry what I'll find when I get home  
19:20:34 <CBsBean> LOL! He owns me!  
19:20:34 <Erimess> Yeah.  
19:20:39 <Erimess> lol  
19:20:49 <Bugs\_Bean> I just try to be happy for every day I come home and she's still OK  
19:20:57 <jj> I worry everyday if Mr.A will be his usual self when I get home  
19:20:57 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> i hear ya  
19:21:05 <Kelly> i feel like i'm supposed to stay home with him now, since i know he doesn't have that much time left most likely. but i can't stay here all the time, and that makes me feel selfish.  
19:21:16 <Erimess> It's not selfish.  
19:21:16 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> You're still in shock, Kelly. Let yourself grieve the news, then go on.  
19:21:18 <Arlene> Anyone feed Wellness and find it to be about the same cost as DM??  
19:21:20 <choppers> yes, i'm lucky my boss is okay with me saying ""i have to stay home with my cat today""  
19:21:31 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> he wouldn't want you to stop your life  
19:21:31 <Erimess> Life has this habit of going on regardless.  
19:21:34 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> kelly none of us now how much time we have so you just have to take every day as it comes and be grateful for it  
19:21:37 <choppers> kelly, if you stayed home all the time, you'd just

19:21:48	<Vickie_Shadow>	hover above him and worry all the same
19:21:49	<jenny_and_boo>	Shadow is wanting attention, will be back later
19:21:54	<deanie>	that is true
19:21:57	<jenny_and_boo>	o, you have to get out or you would really go crazy
19:21:59	<Arlene>	i am home all day everyday
19:22:05	<phxcatz>	see ya Vickie
19:22:12	<Lisa_and_Gorb>	I would be frantic if I stayed home all day and worried.
19:22:13	<choppers>	if JJ wants to give up, he'll tell you...until then you and he need to carry on
19:22:38	<Arlene>	yes, arlene, only 25 cents cheaper and choppers didn't like it
19:22:45	<choppers>	Did not like DM??
19:22:51	<phxcatz>	he LOVES DM, not the wellness
19:22:58	<Kelly>	need to jump off. Thanks for the invite, Deanie!!!
19:22:58	<choppers>	i know... i think he wants to go with grace right now. i might be superimposing my own wishes on him, but i think he wants to just be comfortable and happy.
19:22:59	<deanie>	by phscatz!
19:23:01	<Lisa_and_Gorb>	ok, keep in touch!
19:23:03	<Arlene>	night kelley - glad you could join us :)
19:23:05	<Tess_and_Wishy>	bye
19:23:10	<kismet>	Bye phxcat
19:23:11	<Diana_and_Koala_Blue>	nite
19:23:23	<Tess_and_Wishy>	my 4 LOVE the wellness
19:23:27	<Erimesse>	Lisa, who won?
19:23:41	<jj>	Kelly, I know this is difficult, but you have to be strong for JJ
19:23:42	<Arlene>	Have a good night everyone, I just wanted to make sure I access the chat room. Jamie and Mr.A
19:23:43	<Kelly>	I hope BK like it I ordered 2 cases LOL
19:23:43	<Erimesse>	i know... i haven't let him see me cry.
19:23:50	<Tess_and_Wishy>	He needs to see that you believe in him too.
19:23:50	<jenny_and_boo>	Night Jamie
19:23:52	<kismet>	jj knows you are doing all you can for him
19:23:56	<choppers>	Nite Jamie
		i voted for myself...sorry

19:23:59 <john\_and\_budda> be back in a few.. budda is finally up  
19:24:00 <jj> we will be back next time!  
19:24:02 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> night jamie - sorry you couldn't stay longer :)  
19:24:28 <choppers> choppers said that, not me :)  
19:24:33 <Erimesse> I think it's OK if he sees you cry. Crying doesn't mean weakness.  
19:24:35 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> lol  
19:24:36 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> kelly its okay for jj to see you upset - he's upset too...but you have to try to make the most of each day then dwell on the negative  
19:24:59 <jj> I just got home, I hope to stay longer next time, just wanted to check in thanks for all your support everyone!  
19:25:05 <Sue\_and\_Sandi> Someone make me laugh, I had to blow my nose on my housecoat no kleenex in the dungeon.  
19:25:12 <deanie> i cried in boo's fur many, any times  
19:25:17 <choppers> okay, choppers just tried to bite me  
19:25:17 <CBsBean> You might even take some comfort in sharing how you feel with him, Kelly. I'm sure he'll understand.  
19:25:22 <jenny\_and\_boo> me too deanie  
19:25:28 <CindyandRed> bad choppers  
19:25:34 <Erimesse> OK, we have to make Sue laugh.  
19:25:38 \* Erimesse MOTIONS/roll.gif  
19:25:42 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> His name suits him, Kristen  
19:25:43 <choppers> he sure can be a stinker!  
19:25:44 <Kelly> i'm really worried about giving him pills, b/c he doesn't do pills well... i'm afraid of the added stress.  
19:25:47 \* CindyandRed MOTIONS/roll.gif  
19:25:50 <choppers> it sure does  
19:25:54 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb MOTIONS/pimp.gif  
19:25:55 <Kelly> stress on JJ, i mean.  
19:25:59 <choppers> kelly, crush the pills and put it in wet food  
19:26:16 <Erimesse> Yes, pills go better in food  
19:26:16 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Shiloh is a black kitty with a white bikini... is that funny enough?  
19:26:25 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> lots of folks put pills in those pounce treats with the soft center kelly  
19:26:41 <Kelly> that didn't work before, but he's on food he likes better now, so i guess it's definitely worth trying.  
19:26:47 <Erimesse> (Don't worry, Sue, I'm sitting here crying too)

19:27:02 <Kelly> lol, JJ is so picky about cat treats... he probably wouldn't eat the pounce.

19:27:14 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> mee too but I am just a crybaby anyway

19:27:20 <Erimesse> Me too

19:27:24 <jenny\_and\_boo> me too

19:27:35 \* Erimesse MOTIONS/roll.gif

19:27:36 <Kelly> i wanted to do a curve on him yesterday, but couldn't finish it. now i won't be able to until this saturday or sunday:-

19:27:51 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Wishy would eat anything if you hid it in mommy's meatloaf.

19:28:03 <Erimesse> I couldn't do the curve today I wanted either.

19:28:09 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> yeah for meatloaf

19:28:17 <Sue\_and\_Sandi> Ok, what is that thing?? Did I go off topic?

19:28:18 <Erimesse> Something always happens when you want to do a curve

19:28:33 <Arlene> why is that?? LOL

19:28:33 <Erimesse> The rolling smiley?

19:28:40 \* Erimesse MOTIONS/roll.gif

19:28:54 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Mesmerizing, isn't it?

19:29:02 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> okay its about time to get onto our designated subject...everybody ready?

19:29:07 <choppers> nauseating, actually!

19:29:10 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> ok

19:29:11 <deanie> lisa, who won?

19:29:22 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> oh yeah

19:29:29 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb it was #5 the gefilte fish comment...not sure who's that was

19:29:36 \* Erimesse (Plays Sound: applause.au) applause

19:29:38 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> YAY!

19:29:40 <deanie> booooooooo!

19:29:44 <choppers> ha ha ha ha ha...

19:29:46 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> hiss

19:29:49 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb our topic tonight: what to ask my vet?

19:29:52 <choppers> actually, i agree with deanie

19:29:54 <Erimesse> Cathy

19:30:20 <choppers> oh, did deanie mean boo thought of #5?

19:30:21 <deanie> hmmm, what to ask my vet.....

19:30:23 <Erimesse> Perfect. I just asked my vet about 3 billion questions

tonight.

19:30:36 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> well let's be happy for Cathy and remember that we don't edit the transcripts any more ;)

19:30:40 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> the last vet didn't answer any

19:30:41 <choppers> Tell me what to worry about (answer: hypos)

19:30:53 <Erimesse> Cough. You don't edit the transcripts anymore?

19:30:56 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb i'd like this to work like last week so we can end up with a working document

19:31:01 <CindyandRed> only question I have for the vet now is ""when the heck are you gonna start doing curves again""...LOL

19:31:03 <choppers> my vet (whom i love, not in that way LOL) didn't cover hypos enough

19:31:07 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> 'k

19:31:15 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb nope - no edits - i don't have the time and folks should follow the rules :)

19:31:24 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb we're now on topic

19:31:25 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> mine didn't mention hypo's

19:31:30 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> ON topic, do you mean what to ask the vet right after the DX?

19:31:31 <Arlene> Mine either

19:31:36 <Erimesse> Mine either

19:31:42 <choppers> mine just said, watch if he starts drinking too much and peeing alot again

19:31:45 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> who would like to propose a ? - one at a time :)

19:31:47 <Erimesse> Or ketones, or anything else for that matter

19:31:52 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> me either

19:31:58 <choppers> she was more worried about non-regulation instead of hypos. guess which happened first?

19:32:10 <deanie> mine told me to buy a bottle of karo before i bought the insulin

19:32:15 <Erimesse> Hypos is an important question.

19:32:24 <Arlene> When to give insulin- as in below xxx no shot??

19:32:29 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> what's the ? erimesse (jeopardy style)

19:32:32 <choppers> i think the symptoms (or non-symptoms) of hypos would be good

19:32:32 <Kelly> JJ's first vet mentioned hypos, but not ketones, and said: ""you won't be able to do it"" when i asked about hometesting.

19:32:37 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> remember you're brand new to FD

19:32:39 <deanie> did anyone ever save that great list that rosemary posted once?

19:32:46 <Erimesse> What are the symptoms of hypos?

19:32:53 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> probably not deanie ;)

19:32:54 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> how about - is this dx based on 1 bg reading on a sick cat?

19:32:59 <choppers> how will i know if this is working?

19:33:17 <choppers> does this mean my cat will die?

19:33:19 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> mine thought it was - but it wasn't!

19:33:30 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> working i mean

19:33:33 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> diana good but lets generalize it a bit more...like ""how do we know its FD not something else?""

19:33:35 <Arlene> When should my cat see you (vet) again??

19:33:45 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> remember you have more knowledge now than you did on day one ;)

19:33:47 <choppers> what will this entail?

19:33:52 <choppers> how much will this cost?

19:33:55 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> oh boy!

19:34:06 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Where is MY copy of the blood panel?

19:34:12 <choppers> is this the end of my social life? (i'm not trying to be funny)

19:34:14 <Arlene> Do you have any other cats that you treat with FD???

19:34:23 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Oooh, good one Arlene

19:34:23 <Sally\_and\_Penny> What kind of insulin & why that one?

19:34:23 <jenny\_and\_boo> can i give the shot earlier?

19:34:24 <Erimesse> I think Arlene's got a good one.

19:34:26 <choppers> why did this happen to my cat?

19:34:27 <Kelly> this is a stupid question, but it was my very first when i learned about JJ having diabetes: ""does he have to get shots at the vet, or at home?""

19:34:39 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> mine did Arlene

19:35:03 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> yes to the insulin ?

19:35:11 <deanie> lisa, yolanda can't get in the chat room

19:35:13 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> its a good ? kelly, lots of folks asked us where gorb got his shots when we said he was diabetic ;)

19:35:13 <Arlene> I still don't know if mine does!!

19:35:20 <choppers> how will my cat react to the insulin?

19:35:24 <jenny\_and\_boo> what if i don't get all the insulin in because she squirmed?

19:35:27 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> What was Kitty's BG on diagnosis?

19:35:51 <choppers> hi molly

19:35:53 <CindyandRed> hi Molly

19:35:57 <Arlene> hi Molly  
19:35:59 <jenny\_and\_boo> hi molly  
19:36:01 <Erimesse> How about, going on what Tess said, what was your reason for this diagnosis?  
19:36:04 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> hi molly  
19:36:12 <Molly> hi, all its molly and max ga here  
19:36:21 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Hi Molly. Hi Max.  
19:36:22 <Erimesse> Oh, we're not a secret anymore.  
19:36:38 <CBsBean> Were we ever a secret? ;)  
19:36:38 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> Yes - cause I still don't believe kb has it  
19:36:42 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> thanks deanie - just helped her out  
19:36:44 <Erimesse> Don't know.  
19:36:50 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi molly :)  
19:37:10 <Erimesse> Darn, Lisa was gone and missed all the ?'s  
19:37:10 <Molly> thanks lisa for posting max's picture  
19:37:15 <Arlene> How will this effect my cat's day to day life??  
19:37:22 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> no problem Molly :)  
19:37:36 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> What if my kitty doesn't cooperate with shots? Are there any tricks for a recalcitrant cat?  
19:37:37 <CindyandRed> how about: what are all the things I can do myself for my kitty?  
19:37:50 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> good question cindy :)  
19:37:53 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> and tess too :)  
19:37:56 <deanie> why are you suggesting this insulin and how did you determine the dose?  
19:38:04 <CBsBean> What'll happen if I miss a shot?  
19:38:16 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Good one!  
19:38:18 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> good deanie and sally (who had this a wee bit earlier i think or something similar)  
19:38:30 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> can you recommend a good web site for info?  
19:38:33 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> can my cat still have catnip? i know i asked that one :)  
19:38:33 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> lol  
19:38:40 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> How can I tell if what I am doing is helping or harming Kitty?  
19:38:46 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> can't stop kb from the nip  
19:38:52 <jenny\_and\_boo> do i need to change her diet?  
19:39:03 <CBsBean> and, for those of us it's happened to, What'll happen if I accidentally stick myself instead of/or in combination with, my cat?

19:39:04 <CindyandRed> I asked that one too Lisa  
19:39:07 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> yeah & not to w/d!  
19:39:08 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> LOL  
19:39:10 <choppers> how will my cat feel about being dressed up in random costumes? LOL  
19:39:13 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> wb Arlene  
19:39:15 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> good one debra :)  
19:39:16 <Erimesse> LOL Debra  
19:39:17 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> badd  
19:39:18 <kismet> lol Karen  
19:39:25 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> my vet refuses to answer ?s like that kristen LOL  
19:39:29 <Arlene> rude computer!! LOL  
19:39:31 <CindyandRed> Can my kitty still have vaccinations?  
19:39:34 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> you made it :)  
19:39:36 <Erimesse> Arlene, I told you that you needed to pay for ISP bill  
19:39:37 <kismet> Hi Yolanda  
19:39:44 <Molly> hi yolanda  
19:39:44 <CindyandRed> Hi Yolanda  
19:39:51 <choppers> do you have a payment plan?  
19:39:57 <Erimesse> Ooooo, we're a secret again  
19:39:59 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> how about those vacs-kb has issues w/them  
19:39:59 <CBsBean> Uh oh, we're secret again.....  
19:40:03 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Arlene fixed her connection w/duct tape (the handyman's secret weapon!)  
19:40:04 <choppers> will u hold my check until payday?  
19:40:09 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> did someone ask ""how much will this cost me on a regular basis?""  
19:40:16 <Arlene> yeah Erimesse I hear ya!! LOL  
19:40:20 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Pretty much, Lisa.  
19:40:21 <Erimesse> Oh, payment plan reminded me - Where can I go in case of emergency?  
19:40:39 <CBsBean> ooooooooooooo, good one, Erimesse!  
19:40:39 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> and how much will they charge  
19:40:41 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> folks remember Yolanda probably has a slight time delay like patricia does - so don't shoot questions at her too fast :)  
19:41:23 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> yolanda we're playing ""what questions should i ask my vet?"" to make a list for new folks  
19:41:32 <Arlene> Are there any food restrictions??

19:41:32 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> jump on in when you figure out how to work the room :)

19:41:44 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> can my other cats eat X food?

19:41:48 <Arlene> When do I give insulin??

19:41:52 <choppers> what are ketones? how do i test for them? how dangerous are they?

19:42:15 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> do i need an rx for insulin, syringes

19:42:16 <choppers> do i really have to give insulin 12 hours apart? can i do ten or eleven?

19:42:25 <Yolanda> I'm here now, but seem to be having some technical difficulties, so bare with me! Yolanda

19:42:27 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> kristen you probably wouldn't know about them...but if this was a 2nd visit or something it would be a good ? to see if vet was experienced with FD

19:42:30 <kismet> what are some complications that can occur with diabetes?

19:42:33 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> s'ok yolanda!

19:42:38 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> how to measure the insulin

19:42:40 <Arlene> I don't know about this, but I wish I had asked Why are you choosing this insulin

19:42:44 <choppers> yes, good point

19:42:49 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> mee too

19:42:51 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> how often do we need to evaluate things like...x, y, z

19:42:59 <Erimesse> Yeah, Arlene, I wish I knew that too!

19:43:01 <Arlene> but that was before I knew there were different ones available

19:43:04 <CBsBean> Where can I give the injections?

19:43:24 <choppers> when i give the shot, is the plunger supposed to be at the top of the line, in the middle, or at the bottom?

19:43:26 <CindyandRed> does a cat need insulin?

19:43:30 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> do i shake the bottle to mix it? basic but folks often don't know

19:43:36 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> what to do in case of ""wet fur""

19:43:48 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb MOTIONS/sillysmile.gif this is gonna be a novel more than a list ;)

19:43:49 <Arlene> Diana-I did not know my Mom had to tell me

19:43:54 <jenny\_and\_boo> what if i can't get her to eat before shot? do i still inject?

19:43:57 <CindyandRed> lol I agree Lisa

19:44:04 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> good ? jenny

19:44:07 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> shaking=bubbles

19:44:19 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> do i feed and shoot at the same time?

19:44:27 <choppers> do i give shot before, during or after meal time?

19:44:28 <kismet> ""Will my kitty ever feel better again?""

19:44:32 <Molly> got to say goodnight folks, very, very tired....if Juli comes by tell her congrats on her lantus curve for me, please

19:44:33 <choppers> beat me to it lisa!

19:44:35 <jenny\_and\_boo> how long is the insulin good?

19:44:39 <CindyandRed> night Molly

19:44:39 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> lol kristen

19:44:46 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> night molly - glad you could stop in :)

19:44:48 <Molly> love to all your kitties

19:44:52 <Arlene> They should also tell you what effect insulin has on the body and why it is important to feed them ps

19:44:52 <kismet> nite molly

19:44:54 <choppers> night molly!

19:44:57 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> by molly

19:44:58 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Night molly

19:44:59 <CBsBean> G'night Molly

19:45:03 <jenny\_and\_boo> nit mollu

19:45:10 <Arlene> night molly

19:45:17 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> What happens if I leave the insulin out of the fridge all night?

19:45:26 <Erimesse> Good one.

19:45:29 <jenny\_and\_boo> brb, check on boo

19:45:35 <Sue\_and\_Sandi> Im signing off too, thanks for the great companionship.

19:45:36 <deanie> how do oyu tell if the insulin is working?

19:45:37 <CBsBean> What if my cat won't eat? Do I still give the shot? How much?

19:45:40 <kismet> nite sue

19:45:43 <CindyandRed> night Sue

19:45:44 <Arlene> Bye Sue

19:45:46 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> night sue - glad you stopped in :)

19:45:46 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> do i need an ice pack to transport the insulin home

19:45:48 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Nighters sue

19:45:49 <kismet> HI Renee

19:45:50 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi renee :)  
19:45:50 <Arlene> Hi Renee  
19:45:51 <CindyandRed> hi Renee  
19:45:52 <Kelly> i've got to go... it's almost time for JJ's shot. thank you all so much for everything you've said. goodnight.  
19:45:52 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Hey Renee!  
19:45:56 <CBsBean> G'night Sue  
19:45:57 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> hi renee  
19:45:59 <Renee> Hi everyone  
19:46:00 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> night sue  
19:46:00 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Cuddle JJ for me.  
19:46:04 <choppers> what should i do if i have to go on vacation?  
19:46:04 <Erimess> Night Kelly. Take it easy, OK?  
19:46:05 <kismet> Nite kelly - hugs  
19:46:05 <Arlene> Bye Kelly {{{hugs}}}  
19:46:05 <CindyandRed> night Kelly, tc  
19:46:07 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> night kelly..((hugs))  
19:46:13 <CBsBean> G'night Kelly  
19:46:13 <Kelly> thank you...  
19:46:13 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> night kelly  
19:46:15 <choppers> by kelly  
19:46:21 <Renee> Did JJ come home?  
19:46:25 <Erimess> Yeah  
19:46:29 <choppers> yep  
19:46:30 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Yes, with CHF  
19:46:49 <Renee> New meds, new treatment?  
19:46:56 <choppers> i smell puke. i need to go investigate  
19:47:03 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Yep, new timeline: 6 mos per the vet  
19:47:04 <CindyandRed> oh my  
19:47:16 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> yuck kristen - TMI LOL  
19:47:24 <CBsBean> Hi Nora :)  
19:47:26 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> wb nora :)  
19:47:31 <Arlene> hey Nora  
19:47:32 <CindyandRed> wb Nora  
19:47:38 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> both boys with you this time?

19:47:42 <Renee> That's it? I hope Melissa & Popcorn (GA) will take a look and give her thoughts

19:47:53 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Lisa -- how many ??'s you have so far?

19:48:06 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> chf - not crf - did popcorn have chf too?

19:48:08 <Nora\_boys> no, actually, they've switched - finny is here now and buddy is gone. maybe they've worked out a schedule

19:48:23 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> i have no idea tess...i won't know 'til i go through the transcript on the weekend

19:48:27 <Renee> Yes, Poppy had 2 different heart conditions

19:48:30 <choppers> sorry to be so icky.

19:48:38 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> s'ok kristen :)

19:48:53 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> i think jj went untreated for too long...that's why not a great prognosis :(

19:48:58 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Choppers: The Duke of Puke

19:49:08 <CindyandRed> lol Tess

19:49:14 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> my 4 are in the running for that title

19:49:21 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Kelly has tried her HEART out. Bless her.

19:49:25 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> dead white carpet!

19:49:44 <CindyandRed> be back a bit later...night everyone

19:49:46 <Renee> Lisa, I suspect you are right.

19:49:51 <kismet> nite cindy

19:49:54 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> kelly is having a tough time coping and i'm glad folks were here to help her out :)

19:49:55 <Arlene> Bye Cindy

19:49:56 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Bye Cindy.

19:49:58 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi laura ;)

  

19:49:59 <CindyandRed> see ya later Laura

19:50:02 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> night cindy

19:50:07 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> bye cindy

19:50:10 <LauraL> Hi and bye cindy

19:50:18 <Arlene> Hi Laura

19:50:20 <CBsBean> G'night Cindy

19:50:21 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> hi laura

19:50:53 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> so let's get another round of ?s going folks...chapter 2 so to say LOL

19:51:18 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb how about thinking about not so newbie but maybe switching something...like diet, insulin, etc

19:51:27 <Arlene> Do you support home testing??

19:51:32 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> how many times a day do i need to test

19:51:34 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> so things like ""should we change dose when we change food?""

19:51:38 <kismet> I'm gonna call it a night - have a nice evening folks :)

19:51:42 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> night ellen :)

19:51:46 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Night Ellen

19:51:47 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> night ellen

19:51:48 <Arlene> Night Ellen

19:51:58 <Arlene> aaacckkkk

19:52:07 <Erimess> Secret, non-secret, make up your mind!

19:52:07 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> how does that happen?

19:52:12 <LauraL> I'd ask a general q about diet as a test to see if they know the options

19:52:18 <CBsBean> Night Ellen

19:52:39 <jenny\_and\_boo> how many cats do they treat FD?

19:52:52 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> and what is the success rate!

19:52:57 <Arlene> What do you base a dose change on??

19:53:07 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> or what do you consider to be a success

19:53:09 <Nora\_boys> how do they define success?

19:53:12 <CBsBean> Do you tailor the treatment on a cat to cat basis?

19:53:38 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> are you comfortable with me in charge of the day to day needs

19:54:03 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> can i fax or email bg #'s to you for his file

19:54:20 <jenny\_and\_boo> why does she have to stay for days for you to do a curve?

19:54:29 <Erimess> Good question!!!

19:54:35 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> wb john :)

19:54:35 <CBsBean> wb John

19:54:36 <Arlene> wb John

19:54:42 <jenny\_and\_boo> wb john

19:54:44 <LauraL> do you know why so many vets prescribe N as a starting insulin?

19:54:47 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> are there vitamins that can help?

19:54:47 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> how does hospitalization lead to regulation

19:54:48 <LauraL> hi John

19:54:49 <Arlene> How is Budda doing??

19:54:51 <john\_and\_budda> ty..sorry but i was following budda around

19:54:54 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> hi john

19:55:06 <choppers> diana - great question!

19:55:10 <Sally\_and\_Penny> how does the Vet define regulation?

19:55:11 <Erimesse> Were you on pee watch again?

19:55:13 <john\_and\_budda> he is doing good... hes taking another nap

19:55:16 <Alita> Hi all.

19:55:20 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi alita :)

19:55:20 <Arlene> Hi Alita

19:55:21 <Renee> Did he/she check for ketones?

19:55:21 <LauraL> can I have a pager number to reach you in case of emergency?

19:55:22 <choppers> i gotta go, gang. see you on the board!

19:55:24 <jenny\_and\_boo> hi alita

19:55:25 <LauraL> Hi tism

19:55:27 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Am I the only one who INSISTED the cat got to come home at night during the 3-day ""regulation"" period at the vet's????

19:55:29 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> by choppers

19:55:30 <choppers> hi alita, bye alita!

19:55:31 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> night kristen

19:55:32 <Alita> TTSM!!!!

19:55:34 <Arlene> Bye

19:55:40 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Night Kristen

19:55:42 <CBsBean> How often do you recommend blood workups?

19:55:42 <Alita> Bye, Fristen

19:55:45 <deanie> tess, most cats don't have a 3 day regulation period at the vet

19:55:46 <Erimesse> I didn't have a 3 -day regulation period

19:55:48 <jenny\_and\_boo> i insited tess

19:55:52 <Alita> oops, Kristen.

19:55:56 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> no - i kept kb home nights tess

19:55:58 <LauraL> Tess, I don't think there should be a 3 day reg period at vets

19:56:06 <jenny\_and\_boo> me either

19:56:08 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> we never did anything like that

19:56:14 <Erimesse> I got shown how to do shots and I was gone.

19:56:16 <LauraL> good for you for insisting Wishy come home

19:56:19 <Alita> brb, gotta tuck Jes in....It's been a h\*ll of a day!

19:56:20 <Arlene> Wow

19:56:23 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> didn't work anyway!

19:56:28 <Erimesse> Long visit, Alita.

19:56:52 <Arlene> I insisted he come home on the 3rd day

19:57:01 <Arlene> but vet agreed with that

19:57:11 <Erimesse> should've gotten him 2 days sooner

19:57:29 <Erimesse> 5 unit was better than 7 :-)

19:57:32 <Arlene> yup then he may not have hypo'd so bad!!

19:57:38 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> My vet did 3 days of curves but couldn't give me a decent reason to keep Wishy overnight.

19:57:41 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> how about 1st ? of - do you believe in start low and go slow motto and do you support hometesting

19:57:57 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> if not - please refer me to a vet who does!

19:57:57 <jenny\_and\_boo> could i have prevented this by diet or something else?

19:57:57 <john\_and\_budda> i have a ? if you dont mind.. i changed budda's dose to 1 /12 units 2 x daily....when should i check for a change in bg ?

19:58:02 <Nora\_boys> do you know what hometesting is?

19:58:09 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Will you put me in contact with some of your other FD patients?

19:58:12 <LauraL> Nora, I was about to say that

19:58:18 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> john are you testing preshot?

19:58:27 <jenny\_and\_boo> good one tess

19:58:35 <john\_and\_budda> i havent yet....his ears were so red from me pokin him the day before

19:58:39 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> i met one at the bad vet - he's a ga now

19:59:04 <john\_and\_budda> he is acting fine.. bugging me for catnip when hes awake...( he has always done that)

19:59:23 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> the dose will need a good week or so to settle at least john

19:59:31 <john\_and\_budda> lays in his frisbee and rolls around and meows till i give him some

19:59:35 <Cachuma1> hello

19:59:42 <Arlene> Hi

19:59:45 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> hi

19:59:45 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> hi cachuma :)

19:59:45 <LauraL> vet q: have you read anything interesting recently about fd?

20:00:00 <john\_and\_budda> hello cachuma

20:00:13 <Erimesse> I got some other stuff I need to go do. I'll be back later.

20:00:24 <LauraL> E, I probably won't be here.

20:00:24 <Arlene> I don;t know how to phrase this one, But -Do you (vet) know that it takes a week or so to let a dose settle??

20:00:31 <LauraL> Catch ya another day

20:00:35 <Erimesse> OK.

20:00:39 <Arlene> Bye Erimesse

20:00:39 <Erimesse> I'm getting ready to post too.

20:00:40 <LauraL> bye

20:00:48 <jenny\_and\_boo> bye erimesse

20:00:58 <Cachuma1> everyones leaving?

20:01:03 <john\_and\_budda> nope

20:01:04 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> do you focus on feline health (or droolers, horses, whatever!) when you take ce courses

20:01:05 <jenny\_and\_boo> will she have to be on insulin forever?

20:01:05 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> cya Erimesse

20:01:13 <LauraL> Erimesse isn

20:01:20 <LauraL> isn't everyone ;)

20:01:31 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> good ? jenny

20:01:38 <Nora\_boys> vet ? - what is projected lifespan of a diabetic cat?

20:01:39 <jenny\_and\_boo> thanks'

20:01:48 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> good one

20:01:52 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> good one as well nora :)

20:01:57 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> what other complications should I know about

20:02:09 <Alita> I'm back.....

20:02:12 <LauraL> would you check out this site <fdmb> and recommend it to your clients with diabetic cats

20:02:12 <john\_and\_budda> sorry ....what is topic?

20:02:15 <LauraL> good one Diana

20:02:17 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> wb alita

20:02:19 <CBsBean> How will I know when the insulin he's on right now isn't working for him?

20:02:29 <Nora\_boys> how do i deal with multiple cats and the diabetic's special dietary needs?

20:02:29 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb john - questions to ask your vet

20:02:50 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> without war

20:02:57 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> what happens if my cat vomits? gets a hairball? etc

20:03:06 <Nora\_boys> what about treats?

20:03:09 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> can i give hairball med

20:03:18 <Arlene> Don't you pity the poor vet that is confronted with this transcript?? LOL

20:03:23 <john\_and\_budda> lol

20:03:27 <jenny\_and\_boo> lol

20:03:27 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> yep!

20:03:37 <LauraL> good point Arlene

20:03:38 <john\_and\_budda> my vet thinks i am nuts as it is

20:03:43 <jenny\_and\_boo> we should give it to all of our vets

20:03:53 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> don't worry - we'll pare it down to a nice little document :)

20:04:04 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> my new one is really happy with me & my info (thanks to you guys)

20:04:07 <Arlene> At least that way they could prepare!!

20:04:07 <LauraL> BIB Document

20:04:33 <Nora\_boys> what about putting things in order of 1st visit, 2nd visit... something like that?

20:04:37 <LauraL> Hi Guest, what's your cat's name?

20:05:00 <john\_and\_budda> hello faruk

20:05:20 <LauraL> do you have a cat?

20:05:24 <Arlene> ooops

20:05:28 <john\_and\_budda> i guess not

20:05:28 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> guess not.

20:05:29 <john\_and\_budda> lol

20:05:30 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> no cat??

20:05:38 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> oh good!

20:05:46 <Arlene> yeah we are a secret club once more!!

20:05:51 <Arlene> lol

20:05:52 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> no turkeys

20:05:57 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> I like it mo' betta when we're secret.

20:06:14 <Arlene> brb

20:06:51 <jenny\_and\_boo> why did you check liver ensymes?

20:07:07 <Arlene> ib

20:07:14 <Arlene> What do all these numbers mean???

20:07:18 <john\_and\_budda> ? for vet: what other medical complications can come from diabetes?

20:07:20 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> did you check for ketones

20:07:29 <CBsBean> What special precautions do you think a diabetic cat needs for preparing for anesthesia?

20:07:33 <Nora\_boys> what are ketones?

20:07:33 <jenny\_and\_boo> good one john

20:07:38 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> can i give fluids at home

20:08:00 \* Lisa\_and\_Gorb folks gorb and i have to check out early...please keep going, we'll get the ?s from the trascript :)

20:08:12 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> kb getting dental tomorrow - what about that anesthesia?

20:08:13 <jenny\_and\_boo> she already takes med for \*\*\*\* how does that affect?

20:08:14 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> nite lisa

20:08:16 <Arlene> Bye Lisa

20:08:17 <CBsBean> G'night Lisa

20:08:18 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Night Lisa. Thanks.

20:08:18 <Nora\_boys> hey what was the winning caption?

20:08:24 <john\_and\_budda> take care lisa...thank you

20:08:26 <Lisa\_and\_Gorb> thanks for coming by - will see you again soon :)

20:08:31 <Nora\_boys> thanks lisa!

20:08:35 <jenny\_and\_boo> nite lisa

20:08:37 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Nora: Tabasco on the gefilte fish!

20:08:37 <LauraL> I'd bring a new vet some reading materials (include links in our little list) food charts, food articles, etc

20:08:41 <LauraL> night Lisa

20:08:46 <Nora\_boys> thanks

20:08:47 <Alita> Night, Lisa.

20:08:50 <LauraL> now we can trash L\*\*\*

20:08:55 <john\_and\_budda> wb vickie

20:09:00 <Arlene> Hi Vickie

20:09:02 <Vickie\_Shadow> thanks, hi everyone

20:09:15 <jenny\_and\_boo> i got to sign off too, hug the kitties

20:09:19 <jenny\_and\_boo> nite everyone

20:09:26 <CBsBean> G'night Jenny

20:09:27 <john\_and\_budda> nite jenny.. take care

20:09:33 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> durn, too late.

20:09:34 <deanie> hey, guys, a bit of bad news

20:09:38 <LauraL> night Jenny

20:09:38 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> What?

20:09:38 <john\_and\_budda> ?  
20:09:46 <Vickie\_Shadow> ?  
20:09:53 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> ?  
20:09:58 <deanie> hope got an email from emily--albert is a GA now  
20:10:06 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> bummer  
20:10:08 <john\_and\_budda> yes....i know... poor little guy  
20:10:10 <Cachuma1> hmmm  
20:10:11 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> omg  
20:10:15 <Arlene> ooohhh  
20:10:21 <CBsBean> awwwwwwww :(  
20:10:46 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> crybaby's crying for albert  
20:10:52 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> and all other ga  
20:10:53 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> How's Emily?  
20:11:06 <deanie> i don't know  
20:11:29 <john\_and\_budda> she never emailed imom did she?  
20:11:33 <deanie> no  
20:11:49 \* Nora\_boys MOTIONS/cry.gif if you've never done the 10:00 candle ceremony, it's very nice. www.petloss.com does it online every moday  
20:11:58 <Nora\_boys> moNday  
20:12:19 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Nora -- what time zone?  
20:12:32 <Nora\_boys> 10:00 pm. eastern.  
20:12:39 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Thanks.  
20:13:41 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> some beans can't handle it, some can, i doubted myself early on  
20:13:44 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Night cachuma  
20:13:50 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> bye cachuma  
20:13:57 <LauraL> bye  
20:14:09 <CBsBean> G'night Cachuma  
20:14:11 <Sally\_and\_Penny> I better get going too, bye everyone  
20:14:15 <Cachuma1> gee i was beginning to think my board was broken  
20:14:21 <Tess\_and\_Wishy> Me too. Night y'all.  
20:14:22 <LauraL> anybody have more qs to ask your vet?  
20:14:23 <Arlene> Bye Sally  
20:14:28 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> bye sally  
20:14:38 <Cachuma1> i do  
20:14:38 <LauraL> never mind, Alita

20:14:42 <Arlene> too late for me

20:15:06 <Cachuma1> i need to know some food brands....i shop at petsmart

20:15:28 <LauraL> fancy feast, whiskas, friskies, nutro, iams

20:16:10 <LauraL> check which flavors are low carb/high protein at Janet and Binky's food charts

20:16:18 <Cachuma1> good quality...not junk food....for my diabetic cat

20:16:24 <LauraL> also, go for phosphorous under 300

20:16:31 <Vickie\_Shadow> my computer kicked me off, sorry

20:16:38 <LauraL> those are the good ones at petsmart. My diabetic cat eats them

20:16:38 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> wb

20:17:02 <Cachuma1> my vet reccomended low ash high fiber

20:17:05 <LauraL> Vickie, I was trying to private chat with you

20:17:14 <LauraL> that's what I'm talking about Cachuma

20:17:18 <john\_and\_budda> ff is what alot of people use...i just dont know which flavor

20:17:25 <LauraL> sorry no, not high fiber

20:17:39 <LauraL> high fiber is high carb/ an old-school way of thinking

20:17:43 <Vickie\_Shadow> Shadow will not eat Purina DM, so I have gone to FF

20:17:52 <Vickie\_Shadow> Want to try Wellness

20:18:00 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> mine like wellness

20:18:22 <Cachuma1> sorry...i dont know how to translate the numbers into english yet

20:18:27 <CBsBean> FF's you'll want to stay away from the sliced flavors, they're the higher carbed ones

20:18:30 <Vickie\_Shadow> Shadow was diagnosed as a Trancient Diabetic today

20:18:34 <Nora\_boys> bruuuuuce!

20:18:46 <bruce\_gerson> Hi, all.

20:18:47 <john\_and\_budda> is wellness a prescription food?

20:19:01 <Arlene> no

20:19:10 <LauraL> how so, Vickie?

20:19:11 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> no john, just need to find a place that carries it

20:19:16 <LauraL> who's your vet?

20:19:37 <Vickie\_Shadow> She was diagnosed with diabetes a week ago Thursday

20:19:47 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> vivkie - tell me 'cause i think kb is

20:19:56 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> oops - vickie  
20:20:04 <Vickie\_Shadow> And has not needed insulin since Friday morning  
20:20:05 <Arlene> www.petfooddirect.com  
20:20:07 <bruce\_gerson> All of the Fancy Feast other than the plain are high in carbs. Minced, sliced and one other (can't remember).  
20:20:08 <deanie> well, shadow was steroid induced, right?  
20:20:21 <Vickie\_Shadow> Yes, we believe so Deanie  
20:20:34 <LauraL> one pate ff is low carb  
20:20:34 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> what was the steroid for  
20:20:46 <deanie> ok, so no more steroids for shadow!  
20:20:53 <LauraL> and a certain seafood in aspic is low carb  
20:20:55 <Vickie\_Shadow> never again  
20:21:13 <Cachuma1> there are so many different types of one food i get lost lol  
20:21:19 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> why did shadow need the steroid?  
20:21:20 <Vickie\_Shadow> I was giving Shadow the pate, so if it is high in fiber, that means it is high in carbs?  
20:21:36 <bruce\_gerson> I've taken to looking for a gold box above the flavor. If it's there, I don't buy it.  
20:21:38 <Vickie\_Shadow> She had a food allergy to WD  
20:21:58 <LauraL> Cachuma, I printed the canned food charts and highlighted the ones that compared to Purina DM in terms of protein and carbs  
20:22:09 <Arlene> 0 Carb FF are Flaked fish & Shrimp Feast  
20:22:10 <Vickie\_Shadow> me to Laura  
20:22:15 <Nora\_boys> gotta go, g'nite all  
  
20:22:19 <bruce\_gerson> A little gold box with Minced, Sliced or Grilled.  
20:22:19 <LauraL> look for foods under 10%% carbs and under 300 phosphorous  
20:22:22 <Vickie\_Shadow> night nora  
20:22:23 <Cachuma1> um..ok  
20:22:23 <Arlene> Flaked Ocean Fish Feast  
20:22:35 <Arlene> Ocean Whitefish Feast in Aspic  
20:22:35 <deanie> lol, boo only eats the grilled  
20:22:40 <LauraL> but if you're switching from high to low carb, your cat will need less insulin  
20:22:44 <bruce\_gerson> And flaked. There's a regular Ocean Fish Feast.

20:22:57 <Arlene> Sardines, Shrimp & Crab in Aspic  
20:23:05 <Vickie\_Shadow> will catfood that contains fish give cats UTIs  
20:23:09 <Cachuma1> she hardly takes any as it is  
20:23:12 <bruce\_erson> Vitamin E will also cut down the need for insulin.  
20:23:15 <EmilynObie> Hi all.  
20:23:27 <Arlene> Tuna & Ocean Fish Feast in Aspic  
20:23:28 <Vickie\_Shadow> how much Vit. E Bruce?  
20:23:37 <Arlene> Bruse-thanks you are right  
20:23:39 <bruce\_erson> Vickie, it can. Have to keep an eye on Shadow.  
20:23:43 <Arlene> Bruce sorry  
20:23:43 <CBsBean> Ok, a message from Nora.....She's having computer  
problems, and probably won't be back in chat tonight  
20:24:13 <bruce\_erson> I give Snoopy 400IU every other day. I would say to  
start at 100IU a couple times a week but ask your vet  
first.  
20:24:18 <deanie> must be a sugarcat stuck in her modem  
20:24:27 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> lol  
20:24:28 <CBsBean> LOL!  
20:24:31 <LauraL> lol Deanie  
20:24:31 <Vickie\_Shadow> lol  
20:24:38 <Arlene> lo  
20:24:40 <Arlene> lol  
20:24:53 <Cachuma1> she takes one unit once a day  
20:24:58 <deanie> for the newbies--have you been to sugarctas?  
20:25:06 <Vickie\_Shadow> yes  
20:25:27 <bruce\_erson> One unit of insulin once a day?  
20:25:33 <Cachuma1> yep  
20:25:40 <Arlene> yes  
20:25:43 <Cachuma1> shes 2 1/2  
20:26:47 <Cachuma1> hmmm bad sign....  
20:26:55 <Cachuma1> room stops  
20:27:00 <deanie> what's a bad sign?  
20:27:04 <bruce\_erson> Sorry I've been away for awhile. Lisa told me that there  
weren't any men to abuse so I decided to show up. ;-)  
20:27:05 <Cachuma1> gee  
20:27:10 <deanie> oh--i'm feeding my face!  
20:27:31 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> i was grabbing a water bottle

20:27:31 <deanie> can't type and feed at the same time  
20:28:01 <Cachuma1> dang...dont scare me like that  
20:28:06 <CBsBean> lol  
20:28:13 <Cachuma1> i could hear a pin drop  
20:28:17 <Arlene> sorry I am here was reading msg board  
20:28:18 <Vickie\_Shadow> now that shadow is not needing insulin how often should I hometest?  
20:28:37 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> that's my ? - kb's still being poked 2x a week  
20:28:55 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> and no insulin since 12/18  
20:28:55 <CBsBean> How long has it been since he stopped needing insulin, Vickie?  
20:29:31 <deanie> vickie, you could do mostly urine testing for now--blood if you see glucose in the urine  
20:29:34 <bruce\_geron> Vickie, I missed the beginning. How long has Shadow been on a honeymoon?  
20:29:34 <bruce\_geron> And how long was she on insulin before?  
20:30:06 <deanie> shadow packed her bags and went on that honeymoon right away!  
20:30:27 <LauraL> I just had Vickie on private. She'll probably have to scroll back to read your qs  
20:30:39 <Arlene> I have to run  
20:30:43 <Arlene> Night all  
20:30:49 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> nite  
20:30:52 <Vickie\_Shadow> Shadow has not had an injection since Friday morning at 5am  
20:31:05 <LauraL> and you're hometesting?  
20:31:05 <Vickie\_Shadow> i am urine and ear testing now  
20:31:14 <LauraL> what #s on ear prick?  
20:31:29 <LauraL> Hi Peg  
20:31:29 <Vickie\_Shadow> 90-100  
20:31:37 <LauraL> good. Low carb diet?  
20:31:39 <Vickie\_Shadow> yes  
20:31:44 <LauraL> ff, you said that  
20:31:46 <john\_and\_budda> that is great vickie!!  
20:31:57 <LauraL> I boarded Clark at the Cat Clinic of Johnson County  
20:32:00 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> Hi! Rocky started insulin today. am looking forward to seeing what others are saying her tonight  
20:32:11 <LauraL> That's the vet Susan and Shadow use  
20:32:11 <john\_and\_budda> hello peg

20:32:14 <Vickie\_Shadow> she was only on insulin for 9 days

20:32:22 <Cachuma1> guess ill be going....seems like i came to the wrong place

20:32:28 <LauraL> they were ok. they may be a good vet for diabetic cats.

20:32:29 <bruce\_erson> Maybe she never was diabetic?

20:32:34 <LauraL> Why Cachuma?

20:32:38 <LauraL> what's wrong?

20:32:38 <Vickie\_Shadow> Susan say they are good, I am going to start Shadow there

20:32:48 <john\_and\_budda> when did you find out rocky had diabetes?

20:32:52 <Renee> Cachuma, why?

20:33:09 <LauraL> I didn't like the younger vet much, but that was just personality. I liked the place and the techs alot

20:33:17 <Vickie\_Shadow> I am not sure Bruce, maybe something else is going on.

20:33:39 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> diagnosed right after THanksgiving. began with diet management which lowered BG 200 points (to 380) but he continued to lose weight so began insulin.

20:33:51 <Cachuma1> it just seems like we dont fit....my cat is young...and hardly on any medicine at all....

20:33:57 <deanie> peg, which insulin and how much?

20:34:16 <john\_and\_budda> if you have a kitty ....you fit....lol

20:34:18 <deanie> there are a few other young cats and there are lots of kitties on low doses

20:34:23 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> cachuma - kb's 11.5 but on no insulin - don't think he WAS diabetic

20:34:31 <LauraL> what medicine is your cat on, Cachuma? and what's your name and your cat's name--I lost track

20:34:42 <Renee> Cachuma, there are a few younger kitties.

20:34:46 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> Rocky is on 1 unit SID of PZI U40. Boy, it was easy to give the shot but 1 unit seems like just a drop - hard to believe it will do anything!

20:35:02 <CBsBean> Cachuma, my CB is only on .75 U bid of L

20:35:04 <deanie> good place to start peg

20:35:15 <john\_and\_budda> have you ever hometested?.....or has your vet mentioned it too you ?

20:35:18 <Vickie\_Shadow> how old is CB

20:35:28 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> yeah - better than my 15u of 70/30 - whew

20:35:28 <CBsBean> he's 8 years old

20:35:35 <LauraL> Peg, 1u in what kind of needle?

20:35:36 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> can't believe we survived that!

20:35:45 <deanie> me either, diana

20:35:46 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> he will go in for a curve in two weeks at which time I will discuss home testing. (I've already talked to vet about it, she wants to do one thing at a time)

20:35:48 <Vickie\_Shadow> When was CB diagnosed

20:35:48 <LauraL> we were so worried, Diana

20:35:53 <bruce\_gerson> Diana, that seems like an awful lot. Where did you start?

20:36:03 <LauraL> peg, I don't think you should wait to hometest

20:36:09 <deanie> koala blue has angels watching over him

20:36:12 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> yeah - & deanie scared me good enough to get with it! lol

20:36:23 <deanie> LOL, i certainly tried my hardest!

20:36:26 <john\_and\_budda> hometesting is really easy.... and it can save your kittys life!!

20:36:30 <Cachuma1> Gidget is a 2 1/2 year old tortie....she takes one unit of humilin N once a day

20:36:35 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> I thank deanie & those angels for the hometesting!!!

20:36:41 <deanie> oh, i love torties!

20:36:42 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> the needle is ultra fine 29 gauge 1/2 inch. syringe holds 20 units so 1 is a very small amount

20:36:55 <CBsBean> Vickie, CB was originally diagnosed on October 17th, but wasn't started on insulin until December 11th

20:36:56 <Cachuma1> diagnosed innovember

20:37:21 <LauraL> not to scare you, but to scare you just a little, my friend Don's cat Mishka was started on 1u PZI a week after Thanksgiving 1x a day and by new years day he had dka (near death, hospital bill \$1500)

20:37:33 <john\_and\_budda> peg.. does rocky get stressed out at the vets..or in a car?

20:37:35 <CBsBean> Cachuma, the ER vet's gave CB 1 U of N, and he went hypo on them

20:37:40 <LauraL> he needed to be on 2x a day dosing

20:37:43 <Renee> Cachuma, tell us about your kitty. When was he/she diagnosed. What kind of insulin?

20:37:50 <Vickie\_Shadow> Peg learn to hometest, I am so glad I did

20:38:08 <Cachuma1> she is doing well with it

20:38:21 <john\_and\_budda> yeap.. hometesting has saved a few kittys this week on the board

20:38:25 <CBsBean> Cahuma, please jump in.....we'd like to hear about your kitty! What's your kitty's name?

20:38:33 <Cachuma1> diagnosed late november

20:38:40 <deanie> some kitties do ok on N--we tried it but had horrible duration

20:38:45 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> i thought kb was doing well too - til i hometested & got

20:38:56 <CBsBean> 34!  
I agree, Deanie.....it's an acid thing

20:39:08 <Alita> My Rikki was regulated on 3 units N.

20:39:09 <LauraL> Peg, I think from what you're saying, Rocky is getting .40 u 1x a day. that's not much. What were his bg #s when vet tested?

20:39:14 <Cachuma1> we tried glipizide pills....they made her sick

20:39:14 <bruce\_geron> When I get a number that low, I test again immediately.

20:39:22 <deanie> boo was back to his preshot at the 6 hour mark

20:39:28 <CBsBean> They do that to some kitties, Cachuma

20:39:44 <bruce\_geron> And I test for ketones.

20:39:54 <deanie> peg, did the needles come from the vet with the insulin?

20:40:19 <Cachuma1> i adopted her fom a cat rescue in june

20:40:34 <Alita> Cachuma, what is kitty's name?

20:40:40 <john\_and\_budda> good job cachuma!!... i like to hear that

20:40:41 <deanie> gidget

20:40:42 <CBsBean> I would have liked to have tried glip when CB was first diagnosed, but the vet felt ""his bgl's didn't need treatment""

20:40:42 <Cachuma1> Gidget

20:40:57 <CBsBean> Awwww, that's a cute name, Cachuma!

20:41:02 <Alita> Oh, sorry, I missed that.

20:41:12 <Cachuma1> they didnt know she was diabetic and still dont

20:41:17 <deanie> lol, wake up alita

20:41:31 <Alita> Yeah, need another drink!

20:41:39 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> mee too!

20:41:42 <deanie> hey alita--there's someone from FL named Alita on the asthma boards

20:42:00 <Cachuma1> they fix them give them the FIV test and a four in one....thats all

20:42:07 <Alita> Really, cool. It's not me, but I have bad asthma.

20:42:24 <deanie> i knew it wasn't--her cat is named frack

20:42:35 <deanie> but a funny coincidence anyway

20:42:40 <Alita> Where is it? Maybe I should join?

20:42:48 <Cachuma1> she never got sick we found out accidentally

20:42:52 <Alita> It's an unusual name.

20:43:00 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> how did you find out?

20:43:03 <deanie> lol, you don't have an asthatic cat

20:43:35 <Alita> Oh, I thought it was for asthmatic people. I'm going to get my drink now.... LOL

20:43:49 <Renee> Cachuma, that's how most of us find out. Lots of kitties are quite ill before the diabetes is caught

20:44:08 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> kb sure was

20:44:20 <deanie> so was boo

20:44:22 <john\_and\_budda> yeap...so was budda....and i didnt even see the signs

20:44:40 <bruce\_geron> Isn't that how we all found out?

20:44:42 <Cachuma1> we took her in for routine shots after our other cat scratched her third eyelid....they did a urinalysis since it was included in our plan and hadnt been done yet.....

20:45:11 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> but why do they dx diabetes on sick cats with one bg reading?

20:45:36 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> I'm still not sure kb ever needed any of the large amount of insulin he got

20:45:43 <john\_and\_budda> did gidget test positive for ketones?

20:45:51 <Vickie\_Shadow> they diagnosed shadow with one BG reading

20:46:06 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> was shadow sick too?

20:46:17 <Vickie\_Shadow> they started shadow out on 3 units of UltraLente

20:46:33 <Cachuma1> heck if i know...they just came out and said shes diabetic she needs this pill....

20:46:38 <deanie> well, boo was obvious--high glucose, plus glu and ketones in the urine

20:46:45 <Vickie\_Shadow> Shadow lost 3 lbs, drinking and urinating excessively

20:46:59 <CBsBean> Cachuma, has the vet ever retested Gidget?

20:47:05 <Vickie\_Shadow> Shadow had a high bg, glu only in uirne

20:47:08 <Cachuma1> so we gavethem to her...they made her sick...so on to shots...

20:47:29 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> kb too, no ketones

20:47:38 <john\_and\_budda> cachuma...i recomend buying some kedistix to test gidget.... their cheap and its just a urine test

20:47:49 <CBsBean> CB got ketones once.....I pray he'll never get them again!

20:47:52 <Cachuma1> they did a frutosamine the other day...whatever that is....

20:48:10 <CBsBean> Did they tell you the results?

20:48:31 <Cachuma1> they said it was 330...which is good

20:48:44 <CBsBean> Yes, it is

20:49:27 <LauraL> I've never had a fruc done on Clark. Why is 330 good?

20:49:40 <CBsBean> A fructosamine test averages general glucose control, so it's hard to say if Gidget goes too high or too low based on this sort of test though.

20:49:59 <Cachuma1> i see  
20:50:01 <deanie> has she ever had a curve?  
20:50:09 <Cachuma1> a few  
20:50:23 <CBsBean> Well, CB's fructosamine was 402, and that was just with diet control, but that was before he got pancreatitis, and was put on insulin  
20:50:25 <deanie> good! do you know what the #'s were like?  
20:50:25 <LauraL> Doesn't 330 mean diabetes though? Or am I not understanding something?  
20:50:29 <Cachuma1> two or three i think  
20:50:44 <Cachuma1> i dont remember sorry :O(  
20:50:50 <deanie> totally different measurements, laura  
20:51:04 <CBsBean> The fructosamine #'s don't correspond to bgl #'s like we think they do, Laura  
20:51:15 <LauraL> That's what I'm trying to understand, Deanie.  
20:51:37 <deanie> it's not a measure of glucose so the values won't be similar  
20:51:58 <LauraL> Cachuma, most of us wouldn't have remembered in the beginning either. I only learned from fdmb to get all info from the vet and post it for opinions  
20:52:06 <LauraL> So what does it measure, Deanie?  
20:52:17 <deanie> oh no, don't ask me!  
20:52:26 <Vickie\_Shadow> lol  
20:52:28 <LauraL> you know  
20:52:31 <deanie> I have no experience with those  
20:52:45 <LauraL> I'm confused  
20:52:46 <CBsBean> <http://www.sugarcats.com/infirmarary/fructosamine.asp>  
20:52:54 <deanie> they run glycosylated hemoglobins on people but i've never done those either  
20:53:09 <Cachuma1> we are also fighting blood in the urine....its been very stressful  
20:53:17 <CBsBean> A 330 fructosamine would average out around 180 or so  
20:53:17 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> OT to Laura - I think I closed your question before sending my answer and have no idea how to get into private chat (chat rooms are very new to me)  
20:53:26 <CBsBean> for bgl's  
20:53:39 <Cachuma1> i remember now....  
20:53:44 <LauraL> Thanks for the link  
20:53:47 <CBsBean> yw :)  
20:53:57 <Cachuma1> last number was 160

20:54:15 <Cachuma1> thanks for the 180  
20:54:20 <LauraL> higher than normal, but borderline  
20:54:21 <Cachuma1> :o)  
20:54:42 <CBsBean> A fructosamine usually shows what's happened for a 2  
or 3 month period though  
20:54:51 <LauraL> Is Gidget on an antibiotic for the blood in urine, which  
is probably UTI (what else might it be, guys?)  
20:55:04 <Vickie\_Shadow> i though UTI  
20:55:07 <Cachuma1> yes she is  
20:55:09 <Vickie\_Shadow> thought  
20:55:26 <LauraL> Good point. So if BGs went up in last month, then the  
fructosamine, is giving a false idea of what's going on  
now.  
20:55:33 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> when it clears up she may need less or no insulin  
20:55:50 <Cachuma1> the vet calls tomorrow with complete results to confirm  
uti  
20:56:14 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> if i hadn't hometested kb i would have od'd him for sure  
20:56:19 <LauraL> I think urine testing for glucose would be helpful  
20:56:36 <Cachuma1> she had high PH when she was diagnosed....so shes  
onspecial food  
20:56:47 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> what food  
20:57:12 <Cachuma1> waltham s/o PHormula  
20:57:27 <Cachuma1> both canned and dry  
20:57:35 <LauraL> Where do you live Cachuma?  
20:57:39 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> anybody know the carbs there?  
20:57:47 <Cachuma1> southern CA  
20:57:55 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> by santa barbara?  
20:58:01 <Vickie\_Shadow> going to go check out the Wellness site, good nite all  
20:58:02 <Cachuma1> yep  
20:58:15 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> thought so - i used to live in ventura area  
20:58:26 <Cachuma1> about 30 to 45 minutes away  
20:58:32 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> yep  
20:58:38 <Cachuma1> i live in oxnard  
20:58:45 <LauraL> where do you live Diana  
20:58:53 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> oxnard shores was where i used to live  
20:59:03 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> i say ventura area - no one knows oxnard!  
20:59:14 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> Wrightwood now - from sea level to 6000'  
20:59:34 <Cachuma1> lol im on the oxnard pt hueneme border

20:59:42 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> since we're all sharing - I live in Menlo Park - south of San Francisco

20:59:48 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> we used to be neighbors!

20:59:55 <john\_and\_budda> lol...i am in detroit , mi

20:59:57 <Cachuma1> yep....

20:59:57 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> foggy bay area!

21:00:01 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> brrr detroit

21:00:08 <john\_and\_budda> yeap....too cold

21:00:13 <LauraL> Peg, maybe if you find someone in your area, they can show you how to hometest.

21:00:21 <LauraL> Anyone know who's near Peg?

21:00:21 <deanie> peg, there are quite a few members near you

21:00:34 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> you guys are great!

21:00:35 <deanie> terry, noemi, karen....

21:00:53 <LauraL> Terry of Terry and Pumpkin fame?

21:01:00 <deanie> one of the kathy's--chauncy's mom maybe

21:01:06 <deanie> yup, that terry

21:01:07 <Cachuma1> im never near anybody....

21:01:11 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> must run and clean out a litter box before I get asphyxiated. be right back

21:01:28 <deanie> cachuma, michelle is near you--she's in santa barbara

21:01:29 <LauraL> Cachuma, I know the feeling

21:01:35 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> cachuma i come over there for car stuff, facials, etc

21:01:44 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> husband there tonight

21:02:04 <Cachuma1> thats not near me...especially since i dont drive...lol

21:02:12 <deanie> ok, what is near you?

21:02:27 <deanie> keep in mind i don't know cali that well

21:02:33 <LauraL> I live in a small town in KS. Until recently the nearest to me was 3 hours

21:02:37 <Cachuma1> it was a joke....its near...but far

21:02:43 <LauraL> Deanie can't even find her way from Phx to Tempe

21:02:52 <deanie> funny, laura

21:02:55 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> i'm 2 hours away but over there about 1x a month

21:03:00 <LauraL> you're the one that told me that

21:03:06 <deanie> i can find my way there--just not back home again!

21:03:14 <LauraL> lol, poor Deanie

21:03:25 <LauraL> they have a good bookstore there

21:03:25 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> i could arrange to bring glucometer and see if your kitty would submit

21:03:35 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> phx or tempe

21:03:44 <EmilynObie> I think Deanie's the closest to me and she's a couple of days away :(

21:03:51 <LauraL> Tempe—Changing Hands--It's a co-op

21:04:00 <deanie> no, emily, there's someone near you

21:04:10 <LauraL> Where's Emily?

21:04:11 <deanie> and i can't remember her name

21:04:12 <Cachuma1> hmm that would be interesting....ive been trying to save up for a glucometer

21:04:15 <deanie> colorado

21:04:25 <EmilynObie> I'm in Colorado, near Denver and Boulder

21:04:30 <deanie> btw, emily, we sent the check on saturday

21:04:37 <LauraL> My SO's brother is a vet t here.

21:04:37 <Cachuma1> im disabled....and dirt poor lol

21:04:42 <EmilynObie> I went and showed someone in Boulder how to hometest last week - my vet asked me to.

21:04:43 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> my granddaughter's in boulder - so i could be near you too sometime!

21:04:52 <EmilynObie> Thanks Deanie!

21:04:57 <deanie> cachuma, i can get you a free glucometer if oyu want

  

21:05:04 <Cachuma1> allmy money after rent goes to my cats :o)

21:05:16 <LauraL> I might visit Franktown w/in the year, Emily

21:05:21 <LauraL> do you like your vet there?

21:05:29 <EmilynObie> Nobody at the vet's knew how to hometest, but they knew I did.

21:05:30 <Cachuma1> i would appreciate that very much deanie

21:05:40 <LauraL> Good for them for asking you.

21:05:45 <EmilynObie> Yes, I like the vet. And I've been to Franktown.

21:05:47 <deanie> ok, email me your address and i'll pick it up tomorrow

21:05:59 <LauraL> Emily, do you know the Table Rock Vet clinic?

21:06:02 <Renee> Cachuma, apply to IMOM for help (www.imom.org). Perhaps they can help some with test strips for the meter.

21:06:07 <deanie> email is deanieandboo@hotmail.com

21:06:09 <Cachuma1> awww shucks you are oo kind

21:06:24 <EmilynObie> No, I think the Table Rock place is in south Denver and I'm way NOrth.

21:06:37 <LauraL> Ah, that was SO's brother's clinic.

21:06:43 <deanie> hey, the store is offering a \$30 One Touch with a \$30 rebate--i can afford that. LOL

21:06:47 <LauraL> I think CO vets are on top of things

21:06:49 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> cachuma - email me when you get it if you need help & i'll arrange to get over to show you what i've learned

21:06:59 <Cachuma1> last i checke d imom was broke too....so i havent wanted to bother them

21:07:11 <EmilynObie> My first vet sucked but new one is better :(

21:07:12 <Cachuma1> ok....

21:07:13 <LauraL> Cachuma, ketodiasitix are about \$15 for 50 or a hundred.

21:07:38 <LauraL> CO was rated best place for pets to live

21:07:39 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> emily - my 1st 3 sucked - turned 'em all in!

21:07:41 <Cachuma1> and those are for the urine test right?

21:07:44 <Renee> Cachuma, the general/emergency fund is always low, but fill out the application for the diabetic pet fund.

21:08:04 <LauraL> they test for glucose in the urine and for ketones

21:08:11 <LauraL> they may be all you need right now

21:08:11 <john\_and\_budda> and the ketostix saved shadows life this week... he couldve went hypo without them.

21:08:22 <Cachuma1> goody i got one right lol

21:08:36 <john\_and\_budda> vickie did a get job testing her

21:08:37 <Cachuma1> do i pass?

21:08:47 <deanie> lol, we love our vet

21:08:53 \* LauraL MOTIONS/star.gif

21:09:00 <LauraL> gold star, Chachuma

21:09:04 <Cachuma1> :o)

21:09:06 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> cachuma - who is your vet?

21:09:09 <LauraL> Deanie wants to marry her vet

21:09:11 <deanie> i referred a neighbor to them today --when do i get my discount?

21:09:19 <Cachuma1> um...theres a few

21:09:31 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> no kidding! I've referred everyone to the new vet!

21:09:35 <Renee> Nite everyone. (Chac huma, do apply to the IMOM dpf fund.)

21:09:42 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> nite renee  
21:09:43 <EmilynObie> night renee  
21:09:47 <LauraL> I now have two friends/colleagues at work with diabetic cats  
21:09:48 <Cachuma1> but i think the official vet is Dr. Snyder  
21:09:54 <LauraL> it's very frustrating  
21:10:24 <LauraL> I can't get them to post  
21:10:27 <deanie> i had a co-worker offer to cat sit for me the other day!  
21:10:29 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> don't know snyder - we went to a great vet in ventura but he retired right before we moved  
21:10:31 <LauraL> and I can't help them enough  
21:10:40 <LauraL> excellent Deanie  
21:10:53 <deanie> and boo loves her too  
21:10:56 <Cachuma1> we go to Banfield inside petsmart  
21:11:09 <Cachuma1> they ae all so nice there  
21:11:17 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> i've never tried them  
21:11:24 <EmilynObie> Laura, I think everyone has their own pace to deal with things.  
21:11:31 <LauraL> one has had dka and the other is on 1u of N (no hometesting) with a curve with a high in the 300s and the cat doesn't eat meals and they didn't know about the feeding protocol  
21:11:48 <LauraL> that's what's so frustrating Emily.  
21:12:17 <LauraL> Has anyone posted lately with a cat named Skeeter?  
21:12:22 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> i wouldn't post at first - too busy reading everything i could get my hands on since  
21:12:23 <EmilynObie> I know you want to help them but you can't make them do things the FDMB way until they are ready :)  
21:12:32 <deanie> nope  
21:12:37 <LauraL> hate that  
21:12:38 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> fdmb disagreed with my vet  
21:12:47 <deanie> lol, yes we did  
21:12:49 <EmilynObie> I desperately wanted to believe my vet at first too.  
21:12:50 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> hard to decide who's right  
21:13:03 <Cachuma1> thats howi am...constantly reading  
21:13:06 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> whay not believe past state vet assoc pres  
21:13:11 <LauraL> in the second case the vet defends everything he does by telling them that he's consulting with an expert

21:13:21 <deanie> our first vet was young and inexperienced but at least he knew it

21:13:22 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> He's #1 on the complaint list now!

21:13:39 <deanie> and he worked part time at the ER clinic and asked for help with treating boo

21:13:40 <EmilynObie> My vet showed me a book where it talked about dosing by weight -- by a vet at UC Davis.

21:13:43 <LauraL> I said, Don't just believe me, post all your info on the board and read the opinions there--but they didn't do that

21:13:49 <CBsBean> my first vet.....well, we don't wanna go there

21:14:03 <deanie> and even though he started us on N.....

21:14:03 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> my vet is very pleased that I'm doing research - says it will end up helping her too

21:14:04 <EmilynObie> I wanted to believe it. and it looked good at the time.

21:14:16 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> hometesting just isn't possible - you can't get blood from a cat's ear - wanna bet!

21:14:21 <deanie> he did start us with 1 unit and let us switch when i brought him info on L

21:14:48 <EmilynObie> yeah, my vet started low also... he just didn't support the whole hometesting thing.

21:15:11 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> my new one wasn't too sure about it at first now she loves it!

21:15:11 <LauraL> It's so hard when you personally know the people

21:15:18 <deanie> karen from IMOM spoke to him about my home testign and he agreed

21:15:44 <Cachuma1> Gidget spent the whole day at the vet before she started her insulin...

21:15:59 <EmilynObie> well Laura, there are always more than one way to do things so I'd say just be there for them when they ask for more info.

21:16:09 <LauraL> as soon as I learned about hometesting from the board, I started doing it--didn't bother to ask the vet

21:16:20 <EmilynObie> you are not personally responsible for what other people do.

21:16:32 <Diana\_and\_Koala\_Blue> nite all - time to give kb some Clavamox and another dinner then put all food up for the night. Dental in the morning! wish us luck!

21:16:42 <LauraL> I know Emily. The first people are really interested and talk with me a lot about it. Now that their cat has had dka, they want to learn everything

21:16:44 <EmilynObie> I didn't ask the vet either -- the issue was that he didn't want to trust the hometesting and still wanted me to come in for curves.

21:17:12 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> good luck Diana  
21:17:13 <LauraL> the second ones, I called one time and told them what I thought of N and the feeding protocol and asked them to post, but I won't bring any of it up again  
21:17:13 <Cachuma1> night Diana  
21:17:20 <EmilynObie> Night Diana  
21:17:27 <LauraL> hopefully their cat is transient and will survive the N  
21:17:53 <deanie> my effing brother just went out and got a purebred kitten  
21:18:08 <LauraL> effing b/c he could have had Sweetie ?  
21:18:09 <john\_and\_budda> does anyone know how or if catnip affects diabetes?  
21:18:16 <LauraL> or b/c he got a purebred  
21:18:20 <EmilynObie> yes, Laura, they'll be coming for info eventually :)  
21:18:26 <deanie> no because there are so many shelter kitties who need homes  
21:18:34 <LauraL> I think catnip makes them feel better.  
21:18:36 <EmilynObie> I think the board thinks catnip doesn't affect diabetes.  
21:18:37 <deanie> but the uppity wife will only have a siamese  
21:18:40 <Cachuma1> awww  
21:18:51 <LauraL> I know Clark only wants it when he feels good  
21:18:55 <deanie> and the breeder let the cat go home with them at the age of 6 weeks  
21:19:05 <LauraL> too bad  
21:19:16 <EmilynObie> same here, Obie wouldn't use it when he felt real bad.  
21:19:16 <john\_and\_budda> budda will eat catnip 24/7 if i let him.....hes a junky  
21:19:16 \* LauraL IF WE RAN THE WORLD . . .  
21:19:18 <Cachuma1> my two are favorites of the receptionists at the vet  
21:19:41 <deanie> budda needs some alaskan catnip  
21:19:56 <EmilynObie> I thought cats got tired of catnip if they got it daily - guess that is bogus!  
21:20:08 <LauraL> dunno, Emily  
21:20:24 <LauraL> Is Peg here?  
21:20:34 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> still here, just listening  
21:20:49 <LauraL> one more pitch to you for hometesting before I go  
21:20:58 <john\_and\_budda> peg.. did rocky test positive for ketones?  
21:21:05 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> No ketones

21:21:06 <LauraL> If Terry would agree to show you how that'd be great.

21:21:09 <john\_and\_budda> good !!

21:21:15 <LauraL> Have you seen her video with Pumpkin?

21:21:27 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> I've watched the videos and done all the reading.

21:21:37 <LauraL> Deanie says Terry lives by you

21:21:46 <deanie> pssst, laura...it's punkin

21:21:52 \* Cachuma1 sits and listens

21:21:56 <LauraL> Thanks, Deanie

21:22:03 <john\_and\_budda> its alot to deal with at first

21:22:08 <LauraL> I wondered about that while I was typing

21:22:08 <deanie> there are 5 -6 people at least in the Bay area

21:22:28 <LauraL> Peg, I was overwhelmed early on and later on too as a matter of fact

21:22:30 <deanie> check the directory

21:22:35 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> tomorrow I'll review all the info about glucometers and order one.

21:22:42 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> think I'

21:22:51 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> ve already decided on the Bayer Elite

21:22:56 <LauraL> took me two years to find the board and about home testing

21:22:59 <LauraL> good one.

21:23:17 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> How did you manage without the board?

21:23:23 <LauraL> Glad you're doing it. I understand your vet wanting to go slow, but I do think there could be a ketone risk there

21:23:33 <LauraL> Cats have 9 lives

21:23:56 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> I already had him in emergency one Sunday when I was concerned. turned out I was reading the strip wrong.

21:24:04 <LauraL> Clark was just lucky. Without the board he had dka, about 6 hypos, and a 9 mo honeymoon

21:24:11 <deanie> geez!

21:24:17 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> Oh my

21:24:38 <deanie> well, boo had dka twice with the board but no hypos

21:24:40 <Cachuma1> hmmm

21:24:54 <LauraL> And I think if I'd known then what I know now all that might have been avoided

21:25:17 <LauraL> I mean if I'd had the board and not necessarily those experiences

21:25:58 <LauraL> His treatment wasn't aggressive enough, then too aggressive

21:26:00 <john\_and\_budda> best thing i did was find that message board for sure

21:26:02 <deanie> lol, you'd be the fdmb guru by now

21:26:14 <LauraL> I had different info from different vets

21:26:29 <LauraL> I had incomplete info on food

21:26:53 <deanie> ah, i still don't care about the food

21:26:58 <LauraL> I was hypervigilant about Clark and totally attuned to him

21:27:08 <deanie> i feed him what he likes and don't even measure out amounts

21:27:12 <Cachuma1> foodstill has me lost,,,but i dont have to worry about it for awhile

21:27:14 <LauraL> so I recognized near hypos without a meter--a very scary situation

21:27:41 <deanie> cachuma, with N just ake sure that she eats well before the shot

21:27:43 <LauraL> Oh Deanie, but what happened to Clark was that we switched from high carb to low carb when he was on 5u or more insulin

21:27:51 <deanie> at least 30 minutes

21:28:00 <LauraL> With N, full meal 30 min before shot

21:28:01 <deanie> yikes

21:28:07 <Cachuma1> we feed her right after

21:28:15 <deanie> no, you need to feed before

21:28:18 <LauraL> That's dangerous Cachuma

21:28:38 <LauraL> because N has a quick steep drop and you need the food on board before giving the shot

21:28:54 <deanie> with any insulin, you need to feed first

21:28:57 <Cachuma1> thats what we were told so thats how we have been doing it

21:29:01 <LauraL> and especially N

21:29:17 <EmilynObie> Why would it matter with PZI Deanie -- it doesn't peak for 6-8-10 hours?

21:29:19 <LauraL> Your vet is mistaken to recommend that

21:29:26 <john\_and\_budda> as i found out quick.....vets arent always right

21:29:30 <Cachuma1> hmmm

21:29:32 <LauraL> Emily, what if cat doesn't eat

21:29:35 <deanie> emily, what if they throw up?

21:29:51 <deanie> hi, other laura!

21:29:53 <LauraL> Cachuma, you can post on fdmb for more opinions about the N feeding protocol

21:29:54 <EmilynObie> Obie rarely eats at shot time

21:30:03 <LauraL> Hi Laura other

21:30:05 <MurraysMama> Hi all ... how are you?

21:30:05 <EmilynObie> he likes to eat more afterwards

21:30:23 <LauraL> How much does he eat before shot Emily? 50 cal?

21:30:35 <LauraL> PZI's pretty gentle, so you do have some leeway

21:30:43 <LauraL> Good,, how's Laura and Murray?

21:30:53 <EmilynObie> I doubt it. He just takes a couple of licks of food. I stick him as soon as he starts eating.

21:31:05 <MurraysMama> we're fine ... he's being a cat

21:31:10 <MurraysMama> does it rather well

21:31:20 <EmilynObie> Besides, Obie's hardly ever been below 300 for any number. I'm not worried about it.

21:31:33 <LauraL> I used to make sure Clark had 100 cal before shot, but he wants to free feed so now, 50 cal suits me ok

21:31:44 <LauraL> below what emily?

21:31:48 <MurraysMama> what does he freefeed on?

21:31:53 <LauraL> canned food

21:32:05 <EmilynObie> hardly ever below 300

21:32:11 <EmilynObie> PS, peak, any time

21:32:22 <EmilynObie> we're not regulated yet :(

21:32:25 <MurraysMama> Murray doesn't believe that any food should every remain out for any length of time

21:32:35 <LauraL> what number Emily? Actually I shouldn't have said 50 cal. For clark 50 cal is 1/6 his daily portion

21:32:52 <LauraL> Clark is being weird about food. he doesn't go eat unless I take him to it

21:32:57 <LauraL> or bring the food to him

21:32:58 <EmilynObie> Laura, not understanding what you are asking?

21:33:24 <LauraL> I was just saying that if Clark eats 1/6 his daily portion of food before shot, I dont' worry.

21:33:32 <LauraL> That's just me and Clark though

21:33:44 <LauraL> I used to want him to eat 1/3 his daily portion before shot

21:34:03 <deanie> boo is such a good boy about his meals

21:34:04 <LauraL> BTW guys, we're talking PZI now, not N, L, or U

21:34:04 <EmilynObie> Perhaps when we get closer to regulation I'll be the same way.

21:34:13 <LauraL> You're lucky Deanie.

21:34:17 <MurraysMama> Good, thanks for telling

21:34:28 <LauraL> Emily, how many u of PZI

21:34:32 <EmilynObie> Well, doesn't U act a lot like PZI?

21:34:36 <MurraysMama> Murray is excellent about his meals, too

21:34:46 <deanie> if boo don't eat, he's sick--it's an easy indicator

21:34:54 <EmilynObie> You don't want to know how much Obie is on... more than most of you think is necessary.

21:34:58 <MurraysMama> I think PZI is a whole lot gentler even than U

21:35:06 <deanie> lol, murray looks like he never skips a meal

21:35:19 <MurraysMama> same here, Deanie ... only time he stopped eating he had pneumonia

21:35:28 <LauraL> theoretically u could act like PZI in terms of duration, but as Laura says it appears to be gentler

21:35:30 <deanie> emily, as long as you increase slowly, a higher dose is ok

21:35:35 <Alita> I'm going to go to bed all (I'm falling asleep). I'll see you all later.

21:35:39 <Alita> Good night.

21:35:39 <MurraysMama> nope ... and he wouldn't skip anyone else's meal either

21:35:44 <CBsBean> G'night Alita :)

21:35:47 <EmilynObie> Night Alita

21:35:47 <LauraL> and Clark was one of those cats for whom U did not work as it should

21:35:48 <MurraysMama> nite Alita

21:35:48 <deanie> boo gets 6 units BID

21:35:50 <LauraL> night Alita

21:35:50 <john\_and\_budda> nite alita.....take care

21:36:03 <EmilynObie> OK then, we're on 6U BID and still not there yet...

21:36:07 <LauraL> Of course Boo free feeds on higher carb food

21:36:13 <MurraysMama> Murray's daily calories are about 250 to 300 cal

21:36:23 <deanie> he doesn't really free feed

21:36:23 <LauraL> still not there or in symogi (but you know that)

21:36:40 <deanie> the dry food is there but he rarely ever eats it

21:36:41 <EmilynObie> still not there.

21:36:56 <LauraL> Laura, Clark was eating 300 cal, but now he'll only eat about 200-250

21:37:07 <EmilynObie> Remember, every cat is different.

21:37:10 <john\_and\_budda> what is cal of canned dm ?

21:37:23 <MurraysMama> yes, I was told tht the closer we got to regulation, the less voracious they were

21:37:26 <EmilynObie> All Obie ever got from dropping his dose was ketones :(

21:37:27 <CBsBean> Maybe you all can offer some advise for what to do with CB?

21:37:31 <MurraysMama> and I am finding that true with Murray

21:37:35 <LauraL> Not saying I know which it is Emily. Just saying it's really hard to know.

21:37:59 <MurraysMama> Also, his intake went down when I switched him to all Wellness

21:38:15 <EmilynObie> OK, what's up with CB?

21:38:16 <LauraL> John wants to know cal on canned DM--anyone remembe?

21:38:28 <EmilynObie> It's high is all I remember.

21:38:30 <LauraL> Makes sense, Laura

21:38:36 <deanie> lol, i don't know cals of any food!

21:38:45 <john\_and\_budda> lol.ok...i will look later

21:38:48 <MurraysMama> 194 cal per can

21:38:49 <LauraL> Dry Dm is almost 600 per cup. I'll go check chart for canned

21:38:57 <MurraysMama> I just looked at my chart

21:38:58 <LauraL> That's right, thanks

21:38:59 <Cachuma1> me either

21:39:05 <CBsBean> When CB started insulin, he was on 1 U bid, had the UTI, URI, and was on antibiotics

21:39:10 <LauraL> that's not too high, pretty typical

21:39:12 <Cachuma1> i dont know muchyet lol

21:39:38 <CBsBean> His ps's were in the mid to upper 300's at the time

21:39:39 <john\_and\_budda> neither do i cachuma..... i am very new at this still

21:39:45 <LauraL> 1u of which insulin

21:39:51 <CBsBean> L

21:39:59 <Cachuma1> me too john

21:40:18 <MurraysMama> CB wasn't getting enough duration from the L

21:40:34 <LauraL> ps upper 300s, 1uL bid, uti and uri and antibiotics, and

21:40:35 <LauraL> ?

21:40:35 <CBsBean> After the UTI and URI cleared, and he came off the antibiotics, his ps's dropped into the mid 200's, with nadir around 130-160

21:40:47 <LauraL> sounds good

21:40:59 <EmilynObie> What I wouldn't give for those numbers !

21:41:01 <MurraysMama> what was the ab?

21:41:16 <LauraL> ab?

21:41:28 <CBsBean> then after a week or so, his ps's started rising up into the mid 300's, and his nadir rose too, into the mid 200's

21:41:44 <LauraL> are you sure the iinfections had cleared?

21:41:51 <CBsBean> so, I cut his dose to .75 U of L bid

21:41:58 <MurraysMama> antibiotic

21:42:02 <LauraL> after a week the antibiotic would've been wearing off.

21:42:17 <CBsBean> He's not showing any symptoms of the UTI now

21:42:32 <LauraL> you might still run some urine in, just to be sure

21:42:44 <LauraL> what happened when you cut dose?

21:42:49 <MurraysMama> he was high while on the antibiotic, lower when first off and then went high again

21:42:54 <CBsBean> his ps's went down again, into the lower 200's, with nadir around 130-150

21:42:59 <LauraL> sounds good

21:43:07 <CBsBean> now they're rising again

21:43:08 <LauraL> same food the whole time?

21:43:14 <EmilynObie> any change in food or amount he eat?

21:43:21 <LauraL> and is CB eating the same amount all the time?

21:43:25 <CBsBean> Yes, he eats Wellness, mixed with 9-Lives

21:43:28 <CBsBean> yes

21:43:32 <Peg\_and\_Rocky> OK gang, gotta run - hubby needs the computer.

21:43:37 <LauraL> 9 lives canned or dry?

21:43:38 <EmilynObie> bye Peg

21:43:41 <MurraysMama> bye Peg

21:43:43 <LauraL> bye Peg--good wishes

21:43:47 <john\_and\_budda> take care peg.....keep us posted

21:43:50 <CBsBean> canned, no dry at all for CB

  

21:44:00 <MurraysMama> does CB freefeed or eat planned meals

21:44:01 <LauraL> are 9 Lives on the food charts?

21:44:11 <LauraL> high carb or low?

21:44:33 <CBsBean> I've noticed he's not ""starving"" now though, but he still will eat, he's drinking less, peeing less too, but kinda sleepy a lot

21:44:55 <CBsBean> No, they're not on the chart, but I stick with poultry based 9-Lives

21:45:21 <deanie> well, kids, i'm gonna call it a night

21:45:22 <CBsBean> and I test for ketones, that's negative

21:45:27 <CBsBean> G'night Deanie

21:45:42 <deanie> cachuma, don't forget--send me your address and i'll send that glucometer

21:45:47 <MurraysMama> yes, 9 lives canned hairball formula

21:45:49 <CBsBean> I'm just wondering if I should increase him to 1 U again, or drop him to .5 U ?

21:45:53 <deanie> deanieandboo@hotmail.com

21:45:53 <MurraysMama> runs between 4 and 8 carbs

21:46:06 <LauraL> I have three ideas then: 1. 9Lives could have an amount of carbs that makes a difference (with clark there's a big diff between carbs under 10%% and carbs over 10%%), 2. check for infection, 3. sliding scale dosing

21:46:07 <Cachuma1> ok deanie

21:46:12 <MurraysMama> nite Deanie ... good to see you

21:46:17 <LauraL> night Deanie

21:46:18 <deanie> night all!

21:46:21 <Cachuma1> be right back

21:47:01 <CBsBean> He peaks at +3 on L though.....I've even though maybe changing him to U

21:47:07 <john\_and\_budda> i think i am going to bed too...thanks for the chat everyone....and take care

21:47:15 <CBsBean> G'night John

21:47:27 <MurraysMama> nite JOhn

21:47:30 <LauraL> good point. did you see my 3 ideas above

21:47:33 <LauraL> tsl

21:47:56 <CBsBean> I did, thank you Laura :)

21:48:04 <LauraL> idea 4 is also, change insulin, but it may be a bit soon for that b/c you have had some sucess with L

21:48:33 <CBsBean> He used to get around a 40-50 point drop per hour on L, but I'm not seeing that same drop now

21:48:40 <LauraL> what's peak and what's +12?

21:49:39 \* LauraL MOTIONS/roll.gif

21:49:54 <CBsBean> peak is at +3, right now it's 222, and at +12 he's back up to ps stage

21:50:09 <LauraL> and ps is 300 and what?

21:50:12 <EmilynObie> Obie doesn't get 50 point drop at all usually :(

21:50:51 <CBsBean> His ps today came down a bit from Saturday, today's ps am was 274, pm was 286

21:51:19 <CBsBean> so he only dropped about 60+ points tonight on .75 U

21:51:53 <CBsBean> Sunday am ps was 397 though

21:52:31 <LauraL> today looks good.

21:52:43 <EmilynObie> My opinion (for what it's worth) is that it'll be a crap shoot as to whether he needs more or less insulin.

21:52:48 <CBsBean> Something really threw him for a loop this weekend.....and wouldn't you know it, I did a curve Saturday

21:53:14 <CBsBean> Emilyn, which would you pick?

21:53:40 <CBsBean> I'm wondering if all this has to do with his pancreatitis healing

21:53:55 <EmilynObie> First of all, from what you've said, I think I'd stay at .75 for another week and see what happens.

21:54:15 <MurraysMama> how long have you been at .75?

21:54:23 <CBsBean> Since January 1st

21:54:32 <MurraysMama> not quite 2 weeks

21:54:45 <CBsBean> right

21:54:57 <CBsBean> maybe he's slow to settle?

21:55:02 <EmilynObie> From what I've read, the closer you are to regulation, the longer it may take to stabilize.

21:55:44 <LauraL> I'm thinking that if he has 3-4 days of numbers that are under 300 and then a ""bad"" day and then the cycle starts over, and if everything else is the same (food etc) then either you need a sliding scale for dose or the insulin isn't working as it should

21:56:02 <CBsBean> the part about him not ""starving"", not peeing so much, not camping out at the water bowl, are those signs that he's stabilizing somewhat?

21:56:11 <CBsBean> wb Cachuma :)

21:56:22 <LauraL> those are great signs

21:56:25 <EmilynObie> yes, that sounds great

21:56:25 <LauraL> wb Cachuma

21:56:31 <MurraysMama> Murray is getting 2.125 am and 2.25 pm

21:56:35 <Cachuma1> thanks...afk.....med time

21:56:54 <MurraysMama> yes, those are wonderful signs

21:57:01 <MurraysMama> wb Cachuma

21:57:16 <LauraL> Clark gets different dose on different days

21:57:33 <LauraL> depending on preshot but it took us about 8 mo to figure out that that was going to work for him  
 21:58:01 <EmilynObie> and I'm still not positive. He gets from 1.6-1.9u  
 21:58:05 <CBsBean> Laura, what do you think about her waiting another week? This hasn't happened for very long.  
 21:58:31 <LauraL> When CB was first put on L, his ps's were over 400, and he'd get over a 200 point drop on 1 U  
 21:58:35 <CBsBean> I'd wait. Collect more data  
 21:58:38 <LauraL> that's why when I started seeing the higher ps's, I kinda though maybe rebound  
 21:58:43 <LauraL> the numbers are still really decent  
 21:59:03 <CBsBean> possible  
 21:59:42 <LauraL> so that's when I dropped him to .75 U, and got better #'s  
 22:00:00 <MurraysMama> so it looks like you did the right thing  
 22:00:02 <LauraL> well, if your #'s are high, and you drop the dose, you are going in the right direction if the #'s drop  
 22:00:14 <CBsBean> does CB eat the same amount of wellness/9lives ratio every day?  
 22:00:26 <LauraL> Yes  
 22:00:28 <MurraysMama> and does he always finish all the food?  
 22:00:42 <MurraysMama> does he eat at the same time ... meals and snacks?  
 22:00:48 <CBsBean> does he get a late snack?  
 22:00:57 <LauraL> He's on a schedule for meals and snacks  
 22:00:59 <MurraysMama> and does he finish them?  
 22:01:03 <CBsBean> okay, that's the way Murr is  
 22:01:12 <LauraL> he gets chicken breast for snacks  
 22:01:15 <MurraysMama> does he clean his bowl at mealtime/  
 22:01:24 <CBsBean> how much chicken breast  
 22:01:26 <MurraysMama> he used to eat all his canned food, and beg for more, but now he eats most of it, but not all  
 22:01:42 <MurraysMama> and does he always eat everything you give him?  
 22:02:08 <CBsBean> can you calculate how many cal's per day he gets?  
 22:02:12 <LauraL> not exactly, but I know he's gained 2 pounds back since he's been on insulin  
 22:02:21 <LauraL> I'm still curious about the 9Lives. If you call them, they can give you the info you need. I'm not sure what qs to ask, but Janet or someone can tell you.  
 22:02:29 <LauraL> Sounds like CB's doing pretty well  
 22:02:36 <MurraysMama> you should post all your info on fdmb  
 yes, it sounds like he is doing great!

22:02:41 <LauraL> I'd like to see all your #s

22:02:54 <CBsBean> I posted his curve from Saturday on the board

22:03:15 <LauraL> post curve + the other ps #s to show fluctuations, etc.

22:03:18 <LauraL> give lots of data

22:03:43 <CBsBean> I've got all his ps's wrote down from January 1st through now

22:04:19 <LauraL> post them when you get a chance.

22:04:20 <MurraysMama> if you can put that info in your profile, and then post and tell others to please take a look, it would give them all the data to analyze

22:04:26 <LauraL> I'd like to see what people say

22:04:27 <CBsBean> The December ones got stolen off the refrigerator by Speedy, and the drooler snacked on them

22:04:32 <LauraL> lol

22:04:41 <LauraL> a good reason to keep the data in your profile

22:04:43 <MurraysMama> good roughage!

22:04:59 <LauraL> I have to go

22:05:04 <LauraL> been good talking with you all

22:05:08 <CBsBean> I set up a database on my computer on January 1st.....no drooler in my computer

22:05:16 <EmilynObie> bye Laura, talk to you later

22:05:21 <LauraL> night

22:05:29 <CBsBean> G'night Laural, thanks for your opinion

22:05:59 <LauraL> you're welcome--good luck

22:06:08 <CBsBean> I'll keep CB on .75 for a while longer, and see if he'll settle down again

22:06:24 <Cachuma1> im back

22:06:30 <CBsBean> wb Cachuma :)

22:06:49 <EmilynObie> yeah, it's not gonna hurt him since the numbers are still OK. Obie's gone 7.5 months without numbers that good

22:07:08 <Cachuma1> had to give Gidget her amoxi-drops.....

22:07:30 <EmilynObie> that is antibiotic?

22:07:33 <MurraysMama> night all ... I need to test a cat

22:07:41 <Cachuma1> it smells like bubble gum lol

22:07:44 <CBsBean> I guess I'm so used to seeing him show all the normal unstabilized signs that now as he's doing better, I worry that something is wrong

22:07:46 <EmilynObie> night.

22:07:47 <Cachuma1> yes it is

22:08:14 <Cachuma1> amoxicillin

22:08:32 <CBsBean> yummy.....nice pink stuff that looks so good with white fur

22:08:51 <Cachuma1> lol

22:08:53 <turnip> This is really STella, with Mr. Nougato, aka Turnip.

22:08:56 <EmilynObie> Deb, don't worry, be happy! (you are Deb, right?)

22:09:07 <CBsBean> Yeap, I'm Deb :)

22:09:14 <EmilynObie> Hi Stella, u got the cat with iceberg ears?

22:09:16 <turnip> For some reason, my password was unacceptable. Oh, well.

22:09:24 <turnip> I have the bloodless boy, yep.

22:09:27 <EmilynObie> or I mean, warm ears, no blood.

22:09:31 <Cachuma1> the clavamox smells like bananas

22:09:56 <CBsBean> What's Gidget on antibiotics for?

22:10:30 <Cachuma1> so id say....time for banannas and our boys ears would perk up

22:10:38 <EmilynObie> Stella, you sure you're poking in the right places? like watch the video and all?

22:10:40 <CBsBean> lol

22:10:58 <EmilynObie> I know I was in tears the first several times coz we couldn't get blood either..

22:10:59 <Cachuma1> blood in urine

22:11:14 <Cachuma1> and slightly high PH

22:11:21 <CBsBean> Oh, I see! A UTI?

22:11:54 <Cachuma1> we will know tommorrow...the vet is calling when the results are finished

22:12:15 <CBsBean> When I first started hometesting CB, I called him the bloodless one. Now on occasion, it'll run down his whole ear before I can even get the test strip in the meter.

22:12:37 <turnip> Before he let me take Nougie home, Dr. Morris drew me a little picture. Outside edge of the ear, closer to the edge than to the peripheral vein. I've tried cheek side, forehead side, tip. MUMBLE! [expletives politely deleted, even the verbs]

22:12:38 <EmilynObie> yeah, Obie bleeds like a stuck pig now.

22:12:51 <turnip> Any idea what you're doing differently now?

22:13:15 <EmilynObie> evidently ears ""learn"" to bleed over time

22:13:49 <CBsBean> I bought one of the BD pen-type lancet devices, and that has helped some. And I honestly think they have control over the blood in their ears! LOL!

22:13:51 <EmilynObie> I always do the same ear, backside of the ear works best for us, top half

22:14:08 <CBsBean> My husband tried to learn how to test CB, and he couldn't get a single drop of blood

22:14:12 <turnip> So, should I maybe leave the meter, and the few strips I have left, in their case for a few days, and just poke him the two or three times I ration myself to keep from getting TOO frustrated, till I'm seeing blood?

22:14:13 <CBsBean> not even a speck!

22:14:13 <EmilynObie> I also talked to him a lot, explaining how it would help him feel better, etc..

22:14:50 <CBsBean> Emilyn, do you prewarm his ear?

22:15:09 <turnip> I'll admit it, I've begged the little catstard to bleed. Nope. Wouldn't think of it.

22:15:10 <EmilynObie> yes, I use the rice sock thing. And I hold it under his ear while poking too which gives nice pressure.

22:15:32 <CBsBean> I used to with CB, with a handcloth in a zippered bag

22:15:58 <CBsBean> now if CB's ear is cold, I just rub it with my thumb for a moment

22:16:01 <EmilynObie> My house is usually in the upper 50 degree range in the mornings, so a warm up is definitely needed :)

22:16:37 <CBsBean> My house is cold too, it's real old and has no insulation

22:16:55 <EmilynObie> Stella, if you are quick, you could put the strip in after you get the blood. (if you get any)

22:17:05 <CBsBean> I think that their ears do eventually learn to bleed, in time

22:17:20 <EmilynObie> But sure, why not learn to get blood first, then worry about the strips after.

22:17:27 <turnip> That sounds unpleasant for the people, too. I would set the thermostat higher, if the other two folks didn't think it's somewhere between too warm and plenty warm enough....

22:17:34 <CBsBean> Stella, I get out a test strip, and just insert it into the meter, but not far enough to turn it on.

22:17:51 <EmilynObie> I like it cold while sleeping.

22:17:54 <CBsBean> Then I sit on the floor, crossed legged, and put CB in my lap.

22:18:28 <turnip> That's a question I just posted -- can you leave the strip in the meter to keep it fairly safe between one session and the next, or should I call the folk at onetouch and ask them because ""it depends"" ....

22:18:48 <CBsBean> I'll rub his ear for a moment, then with the lancet device on 2, I stick his ear. Sometimes I'll have to massage upward from the base of his ear to start it bleeding

22:19:04 <CBsBean> then I'll finish inserting the test strip and test him.

22:19:28 <EmilynObie> I don't know about the OneTouch cause I use the Elite and you can leave them out.

22:19:56 <EmilynObie> Stella, which lancet device are you using?

22:19:58 <CBsBean> Doesn't the One Touch test strip come in little bottles?

22:20:02 <turnip> <nod> OK, guess I'll be bugging them....

22:20:49 <turnip> Emlyn, I have tried the one that came with the meter, and I've tried freehand. I think I prefer freehand from the dull end of the process, because I can see better that it IS going where I want it to.

22:21:27 <EmilynObie> some prefer freehand but I sure can't do it that way. Do you put the device on the deepest level?

22:21:30 <turnip> CBs, yes, little plastic vials like film cans -- I don't have a spare yet, and I don't like the idea of putting a ""contaminated"" strip back in the stock bottle.

22:21:58 <CBsBean> Oh wow! I didn't realize the time! I've got to get up at 4:30. G'night all :)

22:22:07 <CBsBean> ahhhhh, I understand Stella

22:22:10 <EmilynObie> good night Deb?

22:22:10 <turnip> I've tried the device at each of the deepest four settings, after establishing on my own forearm that I might or might not get blood from the more shallow sticks....

22:22:20 <CBsBean> G'night Emilyn :)

22:22:30 <turnip> Night, Emlyn!

22:22:59 <EmilynObie> I'm Emily and Obie. Obie's the cat (shortened to EmilynObie)

22:23:14 <EmilynObie> CB was Debra

22:23:55 <turn ip> So I see, I missed a letter reading your nick. Haven't figured how to make the type larger, and if I get my face close enough to read, my chesticles interfere with typing.

22:24:08 <EmilynObie> LOL

22:24:34 <turnip> Sorry, Emily.

22:24:46 <EmilynObie> No problem, was just being informative :)

22:25:00 <EmilynObie> Have you tried actually poking the little vein?

22:25:08 <EmilynObie> it's gotta have blood in it :)

22:25:40 <turnip> (In case you're wondering, I can see just FINE while I'm not-getting blood, because he's cuddled up on the pillows, and they don't get in the way.

22:26:09 <EmilynObie> LOL again

22:26:13 <turnip> I've poked AT it, but it's sorta slithered away the once or twice I tried that.

22:26:57 <EmilynObie> This is where having good pressure underneath the ear helps. Kind of like the ear is stretched out over the rice sock so the vein wouldn't slither away.

22:27:23 <EmilynObie> again, I use a device too. Can't imagine trying to freehand poke the vein like that :(

22:28:50 <EmilynObie> I get queasy over needles and such though. Can't believe giving shots is so easy but poking for blood? Yucko!

22:29:14 <turnip> Hmm, to me, it seems like the freehand would be easier, because there's less to get in the way while I'm trying to get vein and spike together....

22:30:13 <EmilynObie> I kind of hold the ear over the sock with thumb and forefinger and press down the pen lancet device with the other hand.

22:31:16 <EmilynObie> Some on the board swear by freehand, so whatever works for you!

22:31:44 <turnip> Hmmm. So, hmmm. New idea. Since I like minimalist equipment, latex glove, cut to make a few fingercots. Put a cottonball wet with water a little hotter than I can stand it (so by the time I get back to the cat it'll be hot enough) into the finger, then add my finger, stretch the ear over that, and hope?

22:32:02 <EmilynObie> I think practice will help you have success.

22:32:03 <turnip> into the fingercot, I meant, of course.

22:32:53 <EmilynObie> that could work. cottonball is kind of small though to stretch the ear over?

22:34:35 <turnip> I know. But I have the feeling something isn't right with him -- he's only a tiny bit thirstier than the rest, and he's not cement-feeting, but he kinda gives me this ""you made it better, why aren't you fixing it NOW"" and I want to know which direction is better before I either follow the vet's suggestion that I go UP (that would be 4 units of N, bid), or my gut, which is saying ""make it 3.5....""

22:35:12 <turnip> I know I'm getting impatient. I know impatience is the enemy. But I WANT BLOOOOOOOD!!!!!!

22:35:36 <EmilynObie> I totally understand.

22:36:04 <EmilynObie> You have to have confidence and know that it's possible and all that.

22:36:10 <EmilynObie> it WILL work.

22:36:12 <Tuki> hello

22:36:19 <EmilynObie> Hi Tuki

22:36:42 <EmilynObie> Just try the poke and if you get blood, stick the strip in the meter... like Deb said.

22:37:12 <EmilynObie> You could put the strip in a baggie if you don't get blood.

22:37:29 <turnip> Yah. I realized that I can avoid contaminating the stock bottle by finding an old pill bottle or something, a baggie, yes, ....

22:37:59 <EmilynObie> I mean, you have to do a curve to get information, so you really need to get used to getting blood to get a curve.

22:38:26 <Tuki> from which part of the kitty do you draw the blood?

22:38:31 <turnip> I also have this nasty suspicion, the universe being both feminine and canine, that I will get blood when I go to the LAST strip in the vial, and a week till I can buy more. THEN I will get blood, and drop the strip. <laugh>

22:38:39 <EmilynObie> you get it from the ear.

22:39:02 <Tuki> my cat's ears are black. I can't see any blood vessles

22:39:05 <EmilynObie> Well, Murphy's law would agree with you Stella :)

22:39:11 <EmilynObie> My cat is black as well.

22:39:17 <turnip> Emily: yep.

22:39:39 <Tuki> can you see blood vessels?

22:39:41 <EmilynObie> I thought I'd go crazy trying to get blood.

22:39:52 <EmilynObie> Well, I can see them now but sure couldn't when I started.

22:40:03 <Tuki> I'm really concerned. I think my cat's going to die

22:40:16 <EmilynObie> You don't have to see the blood vessels. They are at most 1/4 inch from outside of ear.

22:40:36 <turnip> Tuki: talk, if you want. We can listen to me whine about my little problem any other time.

22:40:49 <EmilynObie> yes, what is up?

22:40:51 <turnip> What's your cat's name and problem?

22:40:56 <Tuki> I'm sorry, I didn't realize I was interrupting

22:41:05 <turnip> You AREN'T!!!

22:41:08 <Tuki> Tuki is diabetic

22:41:13 <EmilynObie> No, no, go ahead.

22:41:16 <turnip> Keeping cats alive is what we're here for.

22:41:37 <Tuki> he's 16 yrs 5 mos old

22:41:42 <Tuki> blind and deaf

22:42:04 <turnip> <nod>

22:42:04 <Tuki> he's lost a lot of weight and continues to lose

22:42:32 <Tuki> I've been giving 5 units of human insulin twice a day

22:42:43 <Tuki> but he looks worse, not better

22:42:51 <Tuki> hardly eats

22:43:21 <Tuki> his tests have been over 30 on a human tester  
22:43:55 <Tuki> Do some cats not improve with Insulin?  
22:43:57 <EmilynObie> Are you from Europe?  
22:44:03 <Tuki> no Canada  
22:44:15 <EmilynObie> ah, coz your numbers are different than ours.  
22:44:28 <Tuki> sorry  
22:44:39 <Tuki> my hubby is diabetic too  
22:44:46 <turnip> Not YOUR fault.... I'm trying to remember where  
the conversion chart is....  
22:44:48 <Tuki> 5 to 8 is normal  
22:44:56 <EmilynObie> right, I know 20 is high.  
22:45:05 <EmilynObie> Exactly which insulin?  
22:45:11 <Tuki> the vet said that 16 is the highest they want t see  
22:45:13 <EmilynObie> Like Humulin U, or N?  
22:45:22 <Tuki> I'll look brb'  
22:45:27 <turnip> How did you get to giving him 5 units, is that where  
the vet started, or did you go up to there?  
22:46:05 <EmilynObie> Hi Eriness. We;re trying to help Tuki out  
22:46:11 <Eriness> With what?  
22:46:30 <turnip> Hi, Eriness! She thinks her cat's terminal....  
22:46:31 <EmilynObie> sick cat, 5U insulin,  
22:46:38 <Tuki> it says Human Biosynthetic  
22:46:48 <EmilynObie> probably rebound is a good guess with the info we  
have so far.  
22:46:54 <Eriness> Which is...  
22:47:03 <Eriness> besides the really high insulin dose  
22:47:12 <Tuki> is that a high dose?  
22:47:18 <turnip> Tuki, did the vet have you start him with five units,  
or how did you end up giving him that?  
22:47:23 <Eriness> For your average cat, that's a high dose  
22:47:28 <Tuki> we started with 1 unit once a day  
22:47:41 <Eriness> That's a good place to start.  
22:47:44 <EmilynObie> I don't know what Human Biosynthetic insulin is,  
anyone else?  
22:47:45 <Tuki> then 2, 4,  
22:48:00 <Eriness> That's too big a jump.  
22:48:02 <Tuki> then twice a day  
22:48:09 <turnip> No three?

22:48:10 <Erimesse> All the bottle says is Human Biosynthetic?  
22:48:40 <Tuki> Novolin ge Ultralente  
22:48:48 <Erimesse> Ah  
22:48:59 <EmilynObie> Ah, Humulin U then  
22:49:01 <Erimesse> From what I can gather, that's basically U.  
22:49:04 <Tuki> from Denmark  
22:49:08 <Erimesse> How long on 1 unit?  
22:49:21 <Tuki> several weeks  
22:49:32 <Erimesse> Did you ever do 2x a day on 1 unit?  
22:49:43 <EmilynObie> It was increased too much at a time it sounds like.  
22:49:51 <Tuki> no  
22:49:53 <Erimesse> Jumping from 2 to 4 doesn't sound good, no  
22:50:00 <Erimesse> Are you still doing once a day?  
22:50:10 <Tuki> he's never responded to it at any dose  
22:50:15 <turnip> No, she said they went to twice a day.  
22:50:18 <Erimesse> What kind of numbers?  
22:50:23 <Tuki> the sugar has always been over 30  
22:50:35 <Erimesse> 30, er.... 540  
22:50:47 <Erimesse> Tested where - at the vet's?  
22:50:55 <EmilynObie> Yikes, maybe time for new insulin.  
22:51:08 <Erimesse> Maybe not.  
22:51:18 <Tuki> yes at the vets  
22:51:23 <Erimesse> When?  
22:51:30 <Tuki> do you think that I got a bad batch?  
22:51:31 <Erimesse> i.e. in relation to food and shot, ever had a curve done?  
22:52:28 <Tuki> haven't money for a curve.. no point when he has never been even close to normal.. his readings have been higher after insulin than befo re  
22:52:42 <EmilynObie> Some cats respond differently to different insulins. There are lots of things that could be wrong though.  
22:52:46 <Tuki> the last two tests have been 6 hrs after insulin  
  
22:53:15 <Erimesse> Do you hometest at all?  
22:53:19 <Tuki> no  
22:53:33 <Erimesse> So, the vet checks before shot. Then gives insulin, and the it's higher after insulin?

22:53:34 <Tuki> It's all I can do to give him the shots  
22:53:54 <Tuki> the vet checked when he was diagnosed in Sept  
22:54:13 <Tuki> we tried diet, no improvement  
22:54:19 <Erimes> What diet change?  
22:54:20 <Tuki> then tried insulin  
22:54:39 <Tuki> diabetic prescription food  
22:54:44 <Erimes> w/d?  
22:55:03 <Erimes> DM?  
22:55:03 <Tuki> I don't think that was the name  
22:55:09 <Tuki> DM.. purina  
22:55:15 <Erimes> Dry or canned?  
22:55:19 <Tuki> both  
22:55:26 <Erimes> What were you feeding prior to this?  
22:56:08 <Tuki> Science Diet senior dry and a small amount of Tuna  
for cats  
22:56:18 <Erimes> OK.  
22:56:23 <Erimes> Now let's back up.  
22:56:27 <Tuki> yes?  
22:56:46 <Erimes> Give me details on what his numbers were at the  
vet's, on 1 unit. What's this about being higher after  
insulin?  
22:57:59 <Tuki> when diagnosed in Sept. (no insulin) was 20.9  
22:58:17 <Tuki> Nov (no insulin) 20.6  
22:58:23 <Erimes> That's not bad for a new diagnosis. Do you know  
when this was relative to food?  
22:58:36 <Erimes> Hold on -- going too fast for me. :-)  
22:58:43 <EmilynObie> Erimes, you realize she's talking Canadian  
numbers?  
22:58:50 <Erimes> Yes  
22:58:51 <Tuki> Dec (1 unit insulin) could not get a reading.. was off  
the scale  
22:59:01 <Erimes> Otherwise it'd be a hypo :-)  
22:59:40 <Erimes> So you meant it was higher in Dec, on insulin, that  
back in Sept/nov without insulin?  
22:59:45 <EmilynObie> what does 20 equal in our numbers?  
22:59:53 <Erimes> 360  
22:59:56 <Erimes> Multiple by 18  
23:00:33 <Tuki> I'm sorry, it's difficult for me to figure out which  
reading was which amount of insulin

23:00:53 <Erimess> No need to apologize.

23:00:59 <Erimess> I would get the records from the vet's though.

23:01:07 <Erimess> OK....

23:01:30 <Erimess> So you did the diet thing apparently until Nov/Dec and then tried insulin, right?

23:02:11 <Tuki> I have the records.. date weight , blood glucose

23:02:33 <Tuki> he started insulin Nov 6 1 unit

23:03:31 <Tuki> he's gone from 5.98 kg to 4.14 kg

23:03:44 <Erimess> Don't know how to convert weight :-)

23:03:53 <Tuki> where are you?

23:03:56 <Erimess> Wait, yes I do, just not sure I can handle at this time of time.

23:03:59 <Erimess> Ohio

23:04:10 <Tuki> oh, sorry, I thought you were UK

23:04:21 <Erimess> Nah, I'd be in bed :-)

23:04:22 <turnip> a kilo is about 2.2 pounds.

23:04:45 <Erimess> I know 28.35 grams is an ounce :-) I learned that at a plastic bottle place I worked.

23:05:29 <Tuki> I'm searching for a conversion site

23:05:31 <Erimess> So 454 grams is a pound.

23:06:09 <Erimess> So 4.54 kg is 10 pounds?

23:06:57 <turnip> try it this way. The cat has lost a third of its body weight in a matter of months, OK?

23:07:17 <Erimess> Sorry - I get a little hung up in math. Yeah, the cat lost weight.

23:07:28 <Tuki> [http://anduin.eldmakes sensear.org/~ben/cgi-bin/convert/kgram\\_lb.pl](http://anduin.eldmakes sensear.org/~ben/cgi-bin/convert/kgram_lb.pl)

23:08:50 <Erimess> I think he went from 13 to 9 pounds

23:09:04 <Erimess> Anyway.... back to this insulin thing.

23:09:29 <Erimess> If all you had done were a few spot checks at the vet's, that really doesn't provide much useful information in terms of dose.

23:10:00 <Tuki> shouldn't his blood sugar have gone down at least sometime?

23:10:27 <Erimess> It all depends on when you had the spot checks done compared to shot time AND compared to when food was eaten.

23:10:44 <Tuki> he eats a little at a time all day

23:11:02 <Erimess> Hi John.

23:11:04 <Tuki> if he tries to eat more he throws up

23:11:09 <john\_and\_budda> hello.... i am back....couldnt sleep  
23:11:55 <Erimesse> If insulin were not working, it shouldn't make #s go up.  
23:11:56 <Tuki> hello John  
23:12:05 <turnip> I'm sorry you're having trouble sleeping, John....  
23:12:14 <Erimesse> Hey, I haven't even tried to sleep yet.  
23:12:15 <john\_and\_budda> hello tuki and turnip  
23:12:33 <EmilynObie> I gotta go guys. Talk to you later.  
23:12:42 <Erimesse> OK, night.  
23:12:46 <Tuki> thank you for the help  
23:12:47 <john\_and\_budda> nite emily  
23:12:50 <turnip> Night, Emily!  
23:12:53 <Erimesse> Tuki, really need more details to make sense of this.  
23:12:53 <EmilynObie> Good luck Tuki. I'm sure you're going to end up being told to hometest and all that!  
23:13:17 <Tuki> they don't do hometest here  
23:13:31 <Erimesse> That doesn't mean you can't.  
23:13:39 <Erimesse> But that's a different issue.  
23:13:45 <Tuki> doesn't it hurt the cat?  
23:13:51 <john\_and\_budda> nope  
23:13:57 <Tuki> I don't want him to hate me  
23:14:01 <john\_and\_budda> i am new to this too...  
23:14:02 <Erimesse> Not as much as drawing blood from a leg vein!  
23:14:07 <Erimesse> He won't hate you.  
23:14:11 <Erimesse> And no, it really doesn't hurt.  
23:14:16 <john\_and\_budda> and home testing is the only way to regulate your kitty correctly  
23:14:17 <Tuki> he's already afraid of the shots  
23:14:48 <turnip> I have been poking my guy, and not getting blood yet, because I don't know how to, but I gave myself a few pokes with the lancet used to get blood for a test, and I can barely feel it if I'm paying attention. It hurts less than the shot.  
23:15:30 <Erimesse> Actually, poking myself in the finger doesn't feel too swift, but it hurts less at the doctor's, so I think I'm holding back :-)  
23:15:35 <Tuki> that's good to hear. I got myself really well last night with the injection needle and it hurt and bled a lot  
23:15:49 <Erimesse> I think we've all gotten ourselves with the injection needle.

23:15:53 <Erimes> It hurts

23:16:01 <john\_and\_budda> yeap...twice for me so far....not a good feelin

23:16:12 <Tuki> it went right through the plastic over when I was putting the cover back on

23:16:18 <Erimes> That's common.

23:16:27 <Erimes> The needle gets bent and pokes out the side.

23:16:50 <Tuki> I'm very glad to find other people who know about all this

23:16:52 <Erimes> brb - gotta feed Sammy and hopefully this time he'll get the pill eaten too

23:16:59 <john\_and\_budda> tuki..have you seen the home testing video?

23:17:03 <Tuki> okay

23:17:07 <Tuki> no john

23:17:20 <john\_and\_budda> and yes....it was a huge relief when i found that message board

23:17:22 <Tuki> I did see diagrams or photos on the net somewhere

23:17:54 <Tuki> tuki gets little jerks in his body all the time,, any idea what that is?

23:18:07 <john\_and\_budda> the video is on [www.gorbzilla.com](http://www.gorbzilla.com)

23:18:23 <Tuki> thanks that the URL for this chatroom too

23:18:33 <turnip> Do you mean his whole body jerks or parts of his skin or a leg twitch?

23:18:37 <john\_and\_budda> yeah... it hosts alot of info

23:18:48 <Tuki> not convulsions

23:18:55 <Tuki> he just jerks

23:19:14 <john\_and\_budda> did vet notice that?

23:19:24 <Tuki> I don't know which part of his body i feel it when i have my hand resting on him

23:19:40 <Tuki> no the vet didn't seem concerned when I told her

23:19:59 <john\_and\_budda> that is something i would bring up again.

23:20:13 <Tuki> I'm getting very discouraged

23:20:23 <john\_and\_budda> this site helped me arm myself for the vets

23:20:25 <Erimes> Good, I think he chomped the pill already.

23:20:33 <Tuki> I hate putting him through all this if it's not going to help him

23:20:37 <john\_and\_budda> i wrote down alot of questions before i went

23:20:47 <Erimes> There's no reason it shouldn't help him.

23:20:58 <turnip> His whole self? One twitch? Is this while he's falling asleep or sleeping, or will he be walking around and <twitch>.... ah. OK. Cats and people both.

sometimes, will give a twitch while they're relaxing. It might be your vet isn't concerned because that's all that is. BUT if YOU are still worrying, part of the vet's job is making YOU comfortable with the answers.

23:21:17 <Tuki> his blood sugar isn't normal even at this dose and you say it's a high dose

23:21:19 <Erimes> Good point

23:21:37 <Tuki> he gets 10 units a day

23:21:42 <turnip> Congrats on the pill, Erimes...!

23:21:51 <john\_and\_budda> does tuki get nervous at the vets?

23:21:55 <Tuki> was the pill going into a cat or a dog?

23:22:00 <Erimes> Let me clarify. It's a high dose for what's average. It's also a high dose for what seems to be very little testing to warrant dose increases.

23:22:04 <Tuki> yes, he hates the vets

23:22:10 <Erimes> Cat -- Sammy's my sugarcat.

23:22:34 <Erimes> However, without sufficient info there's no way to know if it's too high a dose for \*your\* cat.

23:22:35 <Tuki> sammy eats the pill without it being dropped down his throat?

23:22:38 <john\_and\_budda> that's why they put him on a high dosage.... his bgs will go up when stressed

23:22:49 <Erimes> Drop a pill down his throat? That's impossible. I put it in his food.

23:23:13 <Tuki> I drop it into Tuki's throat.. just like a funnel :)

23:23:26 <Erimes> You don't mess with Sammy's mouth. :-)

23:23:28 <Tuki> that's great that Sammy will eat it in food

23:23:42 <Erimes> A lot of cats will eat it in food, but it seems a lot of people don't try that.

23:23:43 <Tuki> most cats will eat all around and spit out the pill

23:23:58 <Erimes> If it's not nasty tasting, I crush it into the food, but these pills are bitter.

23:24:01 <turnip> I put a little butter on the pill, rub a bit more on the cat's lips, and when the victim opens face to get the butter, I stick a buttery finger and pill in and then tip his head back so the pill slides down.

23:24:14 <Tuki> LOL

23:24:19 <Tuki> tricks

23:24:29 <turnip> I'm a big fan of trickery as an alternative to brute force.

23:24:29 <Erimes> Sammy would jerk as soon as I got my finger a millimeter into his mouth.

23:24:51 <john\_and\_budda> hometesting is alot less strenuous on your kitty.. he will be in ""his"" domain and his numbers will automatically decrease

23:25:06 <turnip> Erimess: if I'm holding a cat between my fat legs and my chest, jerking is futile.

23:25:09 <Erimess> I'm more worried about the dose right now than the hometesting.

23:25:11 <john\_and\_budda> hometesting already saved one kitty's life this week

23:25:25 <turnip> Surround cat, medicate cat, praise cat, release cat.

23:25:25 <Erimess> Trust me, Sammy would be able to jerk. The vet couldn't pill him with me and a techie holding him.

23:25:36 <Tuki> I never had to put a finger in the mouth. just gently tip head back, touch chin (mouth flops open) and drop pill from safe height into resulting funnel

23:25:58 <Erimess> After the vet tried, she just humbly said, ""I see what you mean""

23:26:15 <turnip> Erimess: tried a pilling gun?

23:26:24 <Tuki> It's good that Sammy will take it in food

23:26:32 <Erimess> He won't let me open his mouth.

23:26:45 <Erimess> You'll just have to trust me on this one. It won't work.

23:26:48 <Tuki> I don't have money for a test machine

23:26:59 <Tuki> how do you know which one to get?

23:27:12 <Erimess> Oops, someone forgot to pay their ISP bill again?

23:27:18 <Tuki> hehe

23:27:24 <Tuki> or he went surfing?

23:27:33 <Erimess> Most people use the Elite or One Touch Ultra.

23:27:40 <turnip> I'm wondering about lowering the dose for Tuki.... I mean, even if you're not testing. (There are ways to get a machine cheap/free in the US, maybe in Canada, too....)

23:27:49 <Erimess> But, really, I'm more concerned about that dose right now

23:27:53 <turnip> The strips, though, I odn't know a free deal for them.

23:28:02 <Tuki> do you know the name of the one that BB King was advertising? It took very little blood

23:28:16 <Erimess> I have no clue.

23:28:35 <turnip> Tuki, all the ones we recommend use as little blood as the one BB King advertises.

23:28:55 <Tuki> I wrote down the names

23:29:09 <john\_and\_budda> sorry... locked up

23:29:11 <turnip> The ones we like all slurp the blood into the meter,

so you don't need as much.

23:29:14 <Tuki> I know that there are free machines at the pharmacy if I buy strips

23:29:26 <Tuki> wb john

23:29:33 <turnip> Would it be prudent to drop the dose even before testing, and see how the cat does?

23:29:40 <Erimes> YES!!!

23:29:48 <Erimes> If she'll ever take the hint...

23:29:52 <Tuki> how about testing at this dose first

23:29:56 <turnip> (I am not very clued yet, but it's what my gut is saying needs to happen.)

23:30:00 <Erimes> How about dropping the dose first?

23:30:14 <turnip> Tuki, you came in saying you think your cat is dying. What do you have to lose by dropping the dose first?

23:30:22 <Tuki> that doesn't make sense if I don't know what the reading is

23:30:27 <Erimes> You jumped up dose very quickly, with big jumps, without much in the way of tests.

23:30:41 <Erimes> No, the vet fact that you don't know is exactly why you want to drop it.

23:30:46 <Erimes> Would you prefer to find out when he hypos?

23:30:56 <turnip> Forgive me for being brutally honest here, or not. But your cat is in trouble, and people who know more about this than you or me seem to think the dose came up too high with too little testing.

23:30:57 <Erimes> very fact...

23:30:59 <Tuki> maybe I should try to get a machine tomorrow?

23:31:11 <turnip> Maybe you should cut back on the dose TONIGHT!

23:31:22 <Tuki> he doesn't get any tonight

23:31:36 <Erimes> That once a day dosing might be part of the problem.

23:31:37 <turnip> (If the more knowledgeable people want to put me on a leash, let me know, and I'll stifle.)

23:31:47 <Erimes> No, that's OK.

23:31:50 <turnip> I thought you said he was on twice a day....

23:31:59 <Tuki> he already had it tonight

23:32:05 <Erimes> i.e. it's too late

23:32:07 <Tuki> I can't take it back now

23:32:08 <turnip> Ah, OK. Understood.

23:32:22 <Erimes> Can we do a backup here?

23:32:40 <turnip> Backup?

23:32:48 <Tuki> so going from 1 unit to 10 units over 3 months is too quick?

23:32:55 <turnip> Yes, it is.

23:32:56 <Erimes> Subject backup... away from the hometesting and back to the vet's tests, dose, etc.

23:33:06 <turnip> Ah.

23:33:12 <Erimes> That's not much over 2 months, and yes.

23:33:40 <Erimes> I would like to be able to explain why we think the dose is too high, but it would be nice to have actually sample numbers to work with.

23:33:44 <turnip> My cat was diagnosed in November, and the vet has \_suggested\_ that I take him up to 4 units twice a day, and I am still holding him at three, twice a day.

23:34:04 <turnip> Too LITTLE insulin won't help as absolutely much as it possibly could, but too much can kill him.

23:34:15 <Erimes> Yeah

23:34:20 <turnip> And I want my cat to stay alive while I figure out what dosage makes him HAPPY.

23:34:40 <Erimes> BTW, who are you, turnip?

23:34:58 <turnip> I'm STella, with Mr. Nougato, but when I came on it rejected my password.

23:35:08 <Erimes> Ah, you keep changing your name.

23:35:18 <turnip> (Turnip is because my current whine is that I can't get blood from a ....)

23:35:26 <Erimes> Ah

23:35:27 <john\_and\_budda> lol

23:35:51 <Erimes> OK, since I don't have info, let's just throw out a few things...

23:35:51 <turnip> Not deliberately. the site said I didn't have the password, but I was looking right at my password cribsheet. But this isn't important now.

23:36:09 <Erimes> Once a day dosing doesn't work for most cats.

23:36:34 <Erimes> Even with the little overlap you usually get from U, it won't last 24 hours.

23:37:00 <turnip> afk

23:37:31 <Erimes> I'm not too familiar with U, but it seems to mean that would just mean getting a higher presho t every morning than you would from twice a day (bid) dosing.

23:39:00 <Erimes> Tuki, you still with us?

23:39:38 <Tuki> yes

23:40:55 <Erimes> If you got higher readings after starting insulin, my only conclusion would be that it was done at a different time of day. the cat was more stressed for

whatever reason, or it was right after food and he spiked.

23:41:47 <Tuki> do some cats not respond to insulin?

23:42:12 <Tuki> the vet thinks that there may be something else wrong with him

23:42:20 <Erimes> Some cats do not respond to certain types of insulin. But I think you are jumping to that conclusion too fast, because I don't feel we have enough info to make that determination.

23:42:33 <Erimes> Or at least not enough that you have given so far. (Which is what I'm trying to find out.)

23:43:03 <Erimes> Something else wrong as in not diabetic, or in addition to?

23:43:15 <Tuki> both

23:43:29 <Tuki> I think that it's clear he is diabetic

23:43:43 <Erimes> What led to diagnosis?

23:44:11 <Erimes> He's probably diabetic, if you're getting readings that high, and on insulin.

23:45:12 <Tuki> he was losing weight, drinking and voiding in large quantities

23:45:24 <Erimes> Typical

23:45:38 <Tuki> blood glucose was 27

23:45:57 <Erimes> I don't think stress would cause a level that high.

23:46:02 <Tuki> no apparent kidney problems

23:46:27 <Erimes> I don't know - but I don't think a non-diabetic cat would handle having insulin. I have to assume you would've seen some major problem before now.

23:46:34 <Erimes> No kidney problems is good.

23:46:50 <Erimes> Did the vet mention ""insulin resistance""?

23:47:03 <Tuki> (the kidney disease produces similar thirst/urine output)

23:47:25 <Tuki> I don't remember that term

23:47:25 <Erimes> Yeah, but I don't know that it would cause high bg's.

23:47:59 <Tuki> I think giving insuline to a normal cat would cause hypoglycemia

23:48:08 <Erimes> You started insulin 11/6. When was bg checked next at vet's. What number. What time in relation to shot?

23:50:29 <Tuki> I'm sorry, I'll have to go get the callendar and figure this all out. I'm not sure if I haverthe times

23:50:57 <Erimes> Actually, I get a little too hung up in details sometimes. So don't worry about it. Let's just start over...

23:51:07 <Tuki> nooooooooooooo

23:51:09 <Tuki> ;)

23:51:29 <Tuki> I feel as if you have me on a chair and are interrogating me under a bright light

23:51:33 <turnip> I'm back. Nougie has been injected, and didn't even notice.

23:51:35 <Erimes> The insulin needs time to settle. So what's important is how long you were on that 1 unit before upping the dose.

23:51:36 <Erimes> Sorry.

23:51:52 <Tuki> wb turnip

23:52:13 <Tuki> almost a month on 1 unit

23:52:14 <turnip> It can feel like that, I know. Sometimes we get worried about the cat, and forget about the owner, who also has to be comfortable or she won't hear what we're trying to say.

23:52:23 <Erimes> Right

23:52:34 <Tuki> Nov 6 to Dec 3

23:52:47 <Tuki> Dec 3 to Dec 19 2 units

23:52:56 <Erimes> Bid or sid?

23:52:59 <turnip> This was once a day?

23:53:02 <Tuki> Dec 19 to Jan 2 6 units

23:53:16 <Erimes> That jump from 2 to 6 units wasn't good.

23:53:18 <Tuki> what is bid and sid?

23:53:25 <Erimes> bid = twice a day, sid = once a day

23:53:32 <turnip> BID is twice a day, SID is once.

23:53:36 <turnip> oops!

23:53:38 <Tuki> sorry I did that wrong

23:53:56 <Tuki> Dec 19 to Jan 2 4 units

23:53:56 <Erimes> Yeah, I thought you mentioned a 4 in there somewhere?

23:54:04 <Erimes> Still too much increase at once.

23:54:24 <Tuki> Jan 2 she told me to give him 3 units twice a day

23:54:42 <Erimes> Is this when you first went to twice a day?

23:54:46 <Tuki> yes

23:54:57 <turnip> <nod>

23:55:07 <Erimes> Can I presume that you went to the vet's during the day, with an a.m. shot?

23:55:26 <Tuki> I don't understand what you are asking?

23:55:46 <Erimes> Shots are a.m. right?

23:55:50 <Tuki> I give the shots 7 am and 7 pm (approx)

23:55:55 <turnip> What time does Tuki get his morning shot, and what time did you go to the vet's?

23:55:58 <Erimes> I meant when you did once a day.

23:56:06 <Tuki> no once a day was 6 pm

23:56:08 <Erimes> Yeah, what she said.

23:56:14 <Erimes> Ah ha!!!

23:56:40 <Erimes> And you went to the vet's during the day and not evening?

23:56:46 <Tuki> right

23:56:51 <Erimes> We have the culprit

23:56:55 <john\_and\_budda> lol

23:57:03 <john\_and\_budda> i saw that too.....good thinkin

23:57:04 <turnip> Oh, GAWD! I think I understand. So when you took Tuki to the vet's when he was getting one shot a day, he'd have got the shot at 6 the previous evening, and then you'd take him in the next day, maybe after noon?

23:57:05 <Erimes> This is exactly what happened with me and Sammy

23:57:24 <Erimes> Yes!! Insulin had worn off by then. Just like I did with Sammy!

23:57:30 <Tuki> I thought that

23:57:42 <turnip> You were RIGHT, Tuki! Absolutely!

23:57:42 <Tuki> that was why we switched to twice a day

23:57:44 <john\_and\_budda> and so the vet upped the dose

  

23:58:02 <Erimes> OMG, bad memories from Sammy..... That's why I thought of it.

23:58:17 <Tuki> what happened with sammy?

23:58:20 <turnip> John, so the vet didn't ask ""um, when are you giving him the shot?"" and and said ""give him more!""

23:58:20 <john\_and\_budda> well.....bad memories can help in times like this

23:58:39 <turnip> clear memories of bad times can save things from happening again.

23:58:40 <john\_and\_budda> i lowered the dose of budda

23:58:49 <john\_and\_budda> the vet told me 3 units 2 x daily

23:58:51 <Erimes> I was giving Sammy's shots in the evening, and going to the vet during the insulin had totally worn off. N no less.

23:59:02 <john\_and\_budda> i am only doing 1 1/2 units

a>

23:59:04 <Erimess> I had no clue.

23:59:09 <turnip> Poor Sammy!

23:59:42 <Erimess> Tuki, insulin just doesn't last that long. So by time you were going to the v from the insulin at all.

23:59:54 <Tuki> but I gave the shot in the morning and took him 6 hrs later, is that too lon

00:00:10 <Erimess> When did you switch to a.m. Is that when you switched to twice a day?

00:00:16 <Tuki> yes

00:00:28 <Erimess> And that was just... week ago or whatever?

00:00:50 <Tuki> Jan 2

00:00:58 <Erimess> OK, I lose track of time easily :-)

00:01:07 <Tuki> 11 days ago

00:01:16 <Erimess> At 3 units each shot?

00:01:21 <Tuki> yes

00:01:28 <Erimess> What readings are you getting now?

00:01:35 <Tuki> 30.6

00:01:50 <Erimess> Higher than before you started insulin.

00:01:53 <Tuki> yes

00:02:05 <Erimess> Do you know what rebound is?

00:02:09 <Tuki> that is why I don't think insulin is working

00:02:16 <Tuki> not in diabetes

00:02:26 <Erimess> You were thinking sports?

00:02:49 <Tuki> no I have anxiety disorders and we get rebounds from meds

00:03:02 <Erimess> Ah, I have anxiety disorder too :-)

00:03:10 <Tuki> honestly?

00:03:14 <Erimess> But I don't get rebound so that doesn't have meaning to me in that contex

00:03:18 <Erimess> Yes, honestly.

00:03:26 <Tuki> wow small works?

00:03:30 <Tuki> world?

00:04:18 <Erimess> Is there a way to delete a sentence in this thing without backspacing the e

00:04:35 <Erimess> Maybe I should try highlighting and hitting delete?

00:04:36 <Tuki> insert the curser and use the delete key

00:04:54 <Erimess> Anyway, rebound in the context of diabetes....

00:05:02 <Erimess> Hello rutabaga.

00:05:13 <Tuki> hello rutabaga/ are you turnip?

00:05:15 <Erimess> Are we having vegie night?

00:05:20 <john\_and\_budd a> lol

00:05:21 <rutabaga> My ISP dumped me, and turnip didn't ping out till just now.

00:05:28 <Erimes> Ah.

00:05:36 <Erimes> OK, rebound.

00:05:39 <rutabaga> Yep. But I'm still really STella, whose cat is Mr. Nougato.

00:05:49 <rutabaga> I bet I missed the explanation of rebound.

00:05:52 <Erimes> No.

00:06:02 <Erimes> Oh, you don't know either?

00:07:01 <rutabaga> I think I understand it, but I can always learn from people who've been do

00:07:25 <Erimes> It's really sad when a person who's only been here 5 months is the ""exper

00:07:34 <Erimes> Hmm, scary

00:07:36 <john\_and\_budd a> i am sorry ..... i am going to try to get back to bed... take care everyone...ar

00:07:45 <john\_and\_budd a> goodnite everyone

00:07:49 <Erimes> OK, night John. Good luck with your future testing.

00:08:04 <rutabaga> Basic idea is that if the dose is too high, the cat's biochemistry realizes the LOW, and starts emergency procedures to get some sugar out, so the num doing that because it's already getting too much insulin.

00:08:23 <Erimes> Yeah, something along those lines.

00:08:36 <rutabaga> Right? Or do I better shuddup and go to school on that?

00:08:36 <Erimes> In addition, if the levels drop too fast it can happen too.

00:08:58 <rutabaga> And a nice big shot of N can do that....

00:09:03 <Erimes> Yep!!

00:09:08 <Erimes> Been there, done that.

00:09:14 <Tuki> So I need to find some money and let them do a bllod curve?

00:09:26 <rutabaga> (Can you tell Nougie's on N, and I'm winding up to lobby for Lente next ve

00:09:36 <Erimes> I figured you'd done N, yes :-)

00:09:49 <Erimes> OK, Tuki, here's the real poop....

00:10:03 <Erimes> Doing testing at home is cheaper than doing it at the vet's.

00:10:21 <Erimes> But I won't lie that testing at home is cheap. But \*cheaper\* than doing it a

00:10:58 <Erimes> Doing a curve at the vet's can also be completely worthless.

00:11:15 <Erimes> I know, I type fast... I'll let you catch up :-)

00:11:22 <Tuki> would a blood curve give them the information they need?

00:11:42 <Tuki> that is what the vet wants to do, but it's \$50+

00:11:45 <Erimes> Issues: vet stress, irregular eating that is not normal at home

00:12:07 <Erimesse> A curve at home... hmm, never figured out the cost.

00:12:10 <rutabaga> IF Tuki's not so scared of being at the vet's that his blood sugar goes nuts, not what he's used to at the times he expects to.

00:12:22 <Tuki> If I decrease to 4 units tomorrow will that harm him?

00:12:46 <rutabaga> The strips I use seem to be about 60 cents each, that's what, under four U?

00:12:47 <Erimesse> I think he's in rebound already.

00:12:54 <Tuki> it's too late?

00:12:57 <Erimesse> \$4-5 for curve at home?

00:13:01 <rutabaga> I think decreasing tomorrow, and watching him might be good.

00:13:06 <Erimesse> You can dump rebound in about 3 days.

00:13:24 <Tuki> how do you know he's in rebound?

00:13:25 <Erimesse> Let's do more detail on rebound.

00:13:33 <Erimesse> I don't \*know\* - I suspect.

00:13:47 <Tuki> what makes you suspect that?

00:13:48 <rutabaga> I don't know, I'm guessing. Strips are sixtyish cents each for my meter, an time from one shot to next would be six tests, right?

00:13:52 <Tuki> waht do I look for/

00:14:01 <Erimesse> Ok hang on...

00:14:21 <rutabaga> The fact he's seeming worse on higher doses, and the fact that you, his clo when you came in -- it's not working, and you know it, and that's a good si

00:14:31 <Erimesse> When the glucose drops too fast and/or too long, the body tries to protect glucose.

00:14:47 <Erimesse> This causes a spike in the levels.

00:15:00 <Erimesse> The curve for that is described as a checkmark shape, if that makes sense.

00:15:13 <Tuki> should I give him less and give it 4 times a day?

00:15:21 <Erimesse> Don't do 4 times a day, no.

00:15:33 <Tuki> that would be more even?

00:15:50 <rutabaga> You said, I think, that your insulin had the word ""lente"" on the label?

00:15:56 <Tuki> yes

00:15:58 <Erimesse> It's U.

00:16:10 <Tuki> Ultralente

00:16:13 <rutabaga> If so, the problem is more ""too much insulin"" than ""uneven supplies of i

00:16:16 <rutabaga> <nod>

00:16:20 <Erimesse> What happens then when the cat rebounds is the levels just keep shooting to protect itself.

00:16:32 <Erimesse> Uneven supplies LOL

00:17:02 <Erimesse> Then the levels can STAY up, making you think the insulin isn't working, too much.

00:17:54 <rutabaga> It's like if someone gives you a massage, and you don't relax because they' rub harder so you'll relax.

00:17:59 <rutabaga> It just does not happen.

00:18:05 <Tuki> so if I can get someone to test him every 2 hours during the day, it will sho

00:18:08 <Erimesse> Interesting analogy

00:18:28 <Erimesse> What a curve does is show you the entire pattern during the day.

00:18:33 <rutabaga> Accurate enough, I think. School me if you disagree, please. I am learning

00:18:47 <rutabaga> Tuki, yes....

00:18:55 <Tuki> what would I expect to see?

00:19:01 <Erimesse> You get the level before the shot, how fast a drop you're getting, where the fast he's going back up (duration)

00:19:22 <Erimesse> IF he's in rebound you'll probably getting nothing but a lot of high numbe

00:19:27 <Tuki> :(

00:19:36 <Tuki> he'll die, won't he?

00:19:37 <Erimesse> A test for rebound is to lower the dose and see if things improve.

00:19:45 <Erimesse> From what?

00:19:55 <Erimesse> High numbers?

00:20:11 <Tuki> his body isn't getting any nourishment

00:20:25 <Tuki> and it must be doing damage to his organs

00:20:26 <rutabaga> Tuki: we all die eventually. But if he IS in rebound and you lower the dose be feeling some better before the weekend.

00:20:29 <Erimesse> You're correct. But he won't die overnight from high glucose.

00:21:11 <Tuki> he looks better about an hour after the shot

00:21:19 <Erimesse> That rebound is from reserves the body stores up of glucose. When the res more rebound, and you get hypo.

00:21:40 <Erimesse> He'll die from hypo before he'll die from high numbers.

00:22:00 <Tuki> I ahven't seen any of the symptoms they list for hypo

00:22:15 <Erimesse> They don't always show symptoms, and you don't know what day it might

00:22:23 <rutabaga> Cats are more tolerant of high numbers than people are, and the rebound down muscle is a bigger threat than high numbers.

00:22:25 <Tuki> scary

00:22:32 <rutabaga> Tuki, I get the impression that hypo starts FAST. Surprise!

00:22:36 <Erimesse> Yes, what Stella said.

00:22:42 <Erimesse> Exactly.

00:22:53 <Tuki> you're really scaring me

00:23:02 <Erimesse> I'm not trying to scare you.

00:23:10 <rutabaga> But are we scaring you enough to get you to lower the dosage?

00:23:16 <Tuki> I think the only thing I can do is have him put to sleep before all this gets

00:23:18 <Erimess> I'm trying to make you understand that too much insulin is worse than too  
00:23:25 <Erimess> Tuki, no!  
00:23:36 <Tuki> I can't do this  
00:23:38 <Erimess> Tuki, please stop and breath a sec, OK?  
00:23:41 <Erimess> Yes, you can.  
00:23:42 <rutabaga> I'm not \_TRYING\_ to scare you, but I'm scared for your cat, and fearful for  
00:24:03 <Tuki> when his twin died, I vowed I would never put Tuki through what I put her  
00:24:11 <Tuki> and now I'm doing just that  
00:24:14 <rutabaga> You can stop it getting worse.  
00:24:17 <Erimess> No.  
00:24:28 <Erimess> Tuki, please stop and take a breather. OK, please?  
00:24:51 <rutabaga> Tuki, I'm going back to something you said a while back, about having tro  
shots. Did I understand that that bothers you?  
00:24:55 <Erimess> Sammy's been diabetic over two years and he's fine.  
00:25:11 <Tuki> how old is Sammy?  
00:25:15 <Erimess> 12  
00:25:24 <Tuki> Tuki is going on 17, blind and deaf  
00:25:26 <rutabaga> I know a cat who's been diabetic for seven years, and he comes to his own  
00:25:51 <Erimess> Tuki, are you breathing yet?  
00:25:53 <rutabaga> Cats are more oriented to smell and touch than to sight and hearing.  
00:26:11 <Tuki> what I'm saying is maybe it's just his time  
00:26:26 <rutabaga> I would be very upset if I couldn't hear or see, but if I were a cat, I'd be happy  
the food bowl, joyed at a patch of sun to sleep in.  
00:26:27 <Erimess> You're scared. That doesn't mean it's his time.  
00:26:34 <Tuki> and I don't have an income to support a lot of medical bills  
00:26:36 <rutabaga> Maybe it is his time. How would you know?  
00:27:01 <rutabaga> Does he purr when you pet him? Does he stretch out in the warm sun when  
00:27:06 <Tuki> no purr  
00:27:14 <Erimess> Tuki, listen to me a minute, OK?  
00:27:25 <rutabaga> Did he used to purr, more?  
00:27:29 <Tuki> yes  
00:27:47 <Erimess> We are not trying to scare you into thinking your cat is getting ready to die  
00:28:04 <Erimess> We are trying to get you to do something that we think for the moment is :  
00:28:15 <rutabaga> Exactly.  
00:28:32 <Tuki> The vet has seen him, you haven't. I have to trust her  
00:28:51 <Erimess> Oh boy.

00:29:19 <Erimess> I know - I'm a stranger on the internet, right?

00:29:37 <Tuki> I came here to find out if some cats do not respond to insulin

00:30:07 <Erimess> Some cats do not response to certain insulins. But that doesn't mean that'

00:30:11 <Tuki> or what the normal dose is

00:30:27 <Erimess> There is no ""normal"" dose.

00:30:45 <Tuki> because the jump from 6 to 10 seemed a lot

00:30:54 <Erimess> Yes, it is. You're correct.

00:32:40 <Erimess> You still there?

00:33:09 <Tuki> yes I'm here

00:33:28 <rutabaga> I'm still thinking about trust.

00:33:34 <Erimess> Me too.

00:33:36 <Tuki> he perks up when he gets the insulin

00:33:43 <Tuki> not right away

00:34:02 <Erimess> No, it takes times for it to work. And U is a slower-acting insulin.

00:34:11 <Tuki> then by the time it's time for more he is looking wilted again

00:34:22 <Tuki> and he perks up again

00:34:43 <Erimess> Stella, how long have you been on the board?

00:34:49 <Tuki> what board?

00:34:56 <Erimess> FDMB

00:35:05 <Tuki> I don't know that one

00:35:15 <Erimess> Forum?

00:35:19 <rutabaga> On the message board, since about 26nov2k2.

00:35:35 <Erimess> Tuki, how did you find the chat?

00:35:41 <rutabaga> Here? I think this is my third visit?

00:35:43 <Tuki> oh sorry didn't see that was addressed to Stella

00:36:04 <Tuki> I had a link

00:36:11 <Erimess> From where?

00:36:18 <Tuki> in my bookmarks for diabetic cats

00:36:38 <Erimess> You didn't come from the FDMB?

00:37:01 <Tuki> I think I was surfing around in Sept and bookmarked some things

00:37:16 <Erimess> Oh, OK, usually people find this place from the board.

00:37:36 <Erimess> Let me dig out the link to the BD site....

00:37:40 <Tuki> I probably got it from a site to begin with

00:37:58 <rutabaga> [www.felinediabetes.com/fdmb/](http://www.felinediabetes.com/fdmb/)

00:37:59 <Erimess> [www.felinediabetes.com](http://www.felinediabetes.com) is the main site

00:38:03 <Erimes> Yeah, thanks.

00:38:13 <Erimes> The board is part of that whole site.

00:39:40 <Erimes> Tuki, can you hang on a sec?

00:40:42 <Tuki> yes

00:43:58 <rutabaga> Tuki, I know this is some scary stuff.

00:44:10 <Erimes> I'll be back in a few...

00:44:30 <rutabaga> I was so terrified the first week or two, when Mr. Nougato was letting me l  
shots.

00:45:06 <Tuki> how long have you been giving them?

00:45:13 <rutabaga> I wondered if it was worth putting him through that. I wondered if it was  
that, too, to be honest, because we're so broke.

00:45:22 <Tuki> my hands just shake so much I mess up

00:45:24 <rutabaga> Since about my birthday, November 30th.

00:45:38 <Tuki> I poke myself

00:45:48 <Tuki> I'm scared I'll hurt him badly

00:45:59 <rutabaga> <nod> I had one day when I could not give the shot for about three hours  
the shot, and then I'd start shaking.

00:46:14 <rutabaga> He owuld decide that if I was scared, it was time for him to be scared.

00:46:33 <rutabaga> And a few of the shots, I was so clumsy that he actually seemed to feel the

00:46:34 <Tuki> Tuki isn't scared. He just doesn't sit still

00:46:45 <Tuki> he feels every one now

00:47:07 <Tuki> and he won;t eat because at first I gave them while he was eating

00:47:14 <rutabaga> Ah, does he like any particular food a lot? I had a problem because Mr. No  
forwrd to get away from the needle when he felt it.

00:47:53 <Tuki> right, that's what Tuki does, he pulls the needle out of my hand and walks  
his back

00:48:19 <rutabaga> Ah. So how do you give them now? One of my housemates, who used to ha  
was a child, showed me how to give my cat his shots while he was sleeping  
even wake up. I WILL be that good.

00:48:24 <Tuki> he used to like tuna, but now, a lot of the time he won't even look at the tu

00:48:53 <Tuki> he's always awake by the time it's time for the shot

00:49:06 <rutabaga> I tried a lot of things, and found out that Nougie's BIG weakness is raw gr  
ground beef, the leaner the better.

00:49:40 <Tuki> I just crouch over him on the carpet and give the shot in his scruff, as well

00:50:09 <rutabaga> So what I ended up doing was giving him a little ball of hamburg about th  
and I put it in a bowl in the corner of the room. So if he wants to run forw  
needle, he had to go through the WALL. <girn>

00:50:12 <Tuki> aren't you afraid he'll get e-coli poisoning from the raw meat?

00:50:56 <rutabaga> No, I eat it raw, and I don't. That's a rare problem, and I'll take my chance

00:51:07 <Tuki> you eat it raw?

00:51:18 <rutabaga> And if I was going to give him his shots, I had to find some way of getting l  
00:51:19 <Tuki> are you Swedish?  
00:51:41 <rutabaga> I love raw beef. No, maybe one great grandma was.  
00:52:05 <Tuki> In Sweden they serve raw hamburger with a raw egg on top  
00:52:24 <Erimesse> Can I interrupt long enough to say GROSS  
00:52:28 <rutabaga> But here's a thught that came to me when I read what you said. If you cro  
shoting down into his scruff and catching the muscle once in a while.  
00:52:43 <Tuki> only when I slip  
00:52:43 <rutabaga> Sure, Care for some raw hamburg now that you said it?  
00:52:50 <Erimesse> No  
00:52:58 <Tuki> I try to point it horizontally  
00:53:00 <rutabaga> (I think the raw egg is gross, myself, but ""if you don't like it you can't have  
00:53:34 <Tuki> I thoink samonella , e-coli buffet  
00:53:37 <rutabaga> I know, so did I, but I found it a lot easier once I figured out how to make :  
enough that I dind't have to TRY, I just did it.  
00:54:10 <Tuki> I don't want him to end up his life in pain and fear  
00:54:28 <rutabaga> (To tell the truth, I sit on the toilet, and put his food bowl in the corner of t  
He sticks his head in, and starts grunting down burger, and <poke> done.  
00:54:41 <Erimesse> lol  
00:55:25 <Tuki> I've thought about making him a cushion that I can put on the kitchen cou  
I can see  
00:55:42 <rutabaga> I even managed to give him a shot he didn't mind tonight with a needle I h  
(It's rally broke here this month. I've got to give him a few shots with used  
new box before payday, and I can't do that!  
00:56:02 <Erimesse> Are you having trouble seeing?  
00:56:42 <Tuki> I don't see very well  
00:56:55 <rutabaga> Tuki, that would be a great solution too. Another cat I know adores butter  
special butter dish on the counter where she gives the shots. If a visitor st  
TRIES to warn 'em....  
00:56:56 <Erimesse> Well, all that fur doesn't help :-)  
00:57:11 <Tuki> Stella, how do you clean the needles?  
00:57:14 <rutabaga> But the cat will lick away at the butter and again, not even notice the little  
00:57:41 <Tuki> I have a big bin of used needles  
00:58:12 <rutabaga> Tuki, my human diabetic friends tell me they just store them sharp end dc  
might be left drips out, and reuse it for the next shot, and then throw it aw  
00:58:32 <Tuki> no alcohol to claen it?  
00:58:58 <Tuki> it sounds as if the test strips will be the big expense  
00:59:01 <rutabaga> I don't LIKE cutting that corner, or any corner, but keeping him happy an  
and right now, it'd be a shame not to treat him for a week because I ran ou  
00:59:26 <Tuki> once you start, you can't stop treating himcan you?

00:59:50 <rutabaga> The test strips are more expensive than the needles, but I figure I need the  
him safe from the kinda problem I think Tuki's got.....

01:00:16 <rutabaga> Tuki, my vet told me that if I miss a shot, or even two, it's not going to do  
01:00:30 <Tuki> a week isn't a shot or two

01:00:45 <rutabaga> Giving too much insulin, according to Dr. Morris, is worse than not giving  
01:00:49 <Tuki> My husband has to go away for surgery and I can't take the cat  
01:01:08 <Tuki> I don't know what I'll do  
01:01:11 <rutabaga> I know, that's why I'm stretching syringes a little, in case I can't manage to  
friend.

01:01:32 <rutabaga> Ah, your husband gives the shots, usually?  
01:01:39 <Tuki> no  
01:01:42 <Tuki> I do  
01:01:59 <Tuki> but I can't leave the cat and I can't not go with hubby  
01:02:00 <Erimes> You're going with him  
01:02:14 <Tuki> hubby will need care there  
01:02:22 <rutabaga> Oh, duh, I get it. (Sometimes I'm a little slow.)  
01:02:51 <rutabaga> Do you have someone who can come in and feed the cat and make sure it  
catbox?  
01:03:10 <Tuki> the vet wants \$25/day to keep Tuki in a 2 foot square cage  
01:03:38 <Tuki> I used to get the boy across the street to do that but he can't give shots  
01:03:47 <Erimes> Do you have any friends with any medical background?  
01:03:54 <Tuki> and I have no idea how long I'll be away  
01:04:14 <Tuki> I know someone who used to be a nurse  
01:04:31 <Tuki> but nobody will come twice a day to give shots  
01:04:48 <Erimes> Once a day would be better than nothing.  
01:04:49 <Tuki> that was why I was trying to get him on once a day in the evening  
01:05:06 <Tuki> but it wasn't enough  
01:05:19 <Erimes> How long do you have to be gone?  
01:05:30 <Tuki> I don't know until after the surgery  
01:05:32 <rutabaga> She doesn't know how long her husband's recover will be.  
01:05:37 <Tuki> the surgeon was vague  
01:05:39 <rutabaga> recovery.  
01:05:57 <Erimes> Surgeons can be like that :-)  
01:06:02 <Tuki> yes  
01:06:10 <rutabaga> Can you teach the kid across the street to give the shots? Or get  
someone to come in even once a day to give one shot?  
01:06:42 <Erimes> Sometimes in a situation like this, you just do the best you can.

01:06:43 <Tuki> If the ex -RN is in town, she would come once a day. I look after her cat when she is away

01:07:05 <Tuki> I don't think it is ethical to try to teach a child to give shots

01:07:27 <Tuki> (besides, he didn't show an interest when i suggested it)

01:07:27 <Erimesse> A child might not be responsible enough.

01:07:41 <rutabaga> Tuki, that would help a lot. Ah, how old is this kid? I guess I thought ""teenager"", and I'd expect any kid over about ten to be able to learn the procedure.

01:07:51 <rutabaga> Yeah, there is the responsibility thing....

01:08:05 <Erimesse> She'd probably have to have permission from his mother.

01:08:11 <Tuki> needles and all

01:08:19 <rutabaga> Ask the mom to do it?

01:08:21 <Erimesse> Yeah, legal issues and all.

01:08:42 <Tuki> I am not good at asking people to do things

01:08:56 <Erimesse> The ex -RN sounds like your best bet right now.

01:09:13 <rutabaga> Yeah, well, OK.... I mean, I live in a city where the CITY provides clean needles to junkies so they won't kill themselves sharing!

01:09:22 <Tuki> yes, if she is in town when hubby gets the call to go

01:09:24 <Erimesse> Oh jeez!

01:09:54 <Tuki> ruta.. ever think about taking the cats needles to the needle exchange? hehehe

01:10:18 <rutabaga> So I kinda have a casual feeling about syringes, y'know?

01:10:24 <rutabaga> Yes, as a matter of fact, I have thought of that.....

01:10:43 <Tuki> yuo'd have to register as a junkie, but heym free needles!

01:11:18 <Erimesse> Tuki, where exactly do you live? Maybe there's someone in your area on the board who can help.

01:11:38 <Tuki> I live in British Columbia near Alaska

01:11:40 <rutabaga> No, actually, I know one of the folks who volunteers, and I strongly suspect that in an emergency, she would not crack a smile as ""Joan Galt"" registered with no ID.

01:11:47 <Erimesse> Whoa, way up north in the cold.

01:12:07 <Tuki> not very cold this year

01:12:14 <Erimesse> Too cold for me :-)

01:12:16 <Tuki> Tuki still can go outside every day

01:12:24 <rutabaga> TUKI has a fur coat.

01:12:30 <Tuki> and bare feet

01:12:35 <Erimesse> Tuki is the cat?

01:12:42 <Tuki> and not much body fat anymore :(

01:12:52 <Tuki> yes tuki is my cat

01:12:53 <rutabaga> I wear rubber sandals year round, myself, which is almost bare feet....

01:13:07 <Erimesse> I feel like an idiot. So what's your name (or ""handle"")?

01:13:17 <Tuki> I don't have a handle

01:13:27 <Erimesse> A name then?

01:13:29 <Tuki> I;m tuki's mom

01:13:29 <rutabaga> Yeah, but when you find the right dose, so he's getting to use the food he's eating, and NOT burning it off from too much insulin instead, you'll be surprised.

01:13:36 <Erimesse> OK, Tuki's mom.

01:13:41 <Tuki> :)

01:13:56 <Erimesse> What, you think Erimesse is my real name?

01:14:23 <Tuki> I thought it was your cat's name

01:14:27 <rutabaga> I mean, I wish I'd taken a picture every day of Nougie's first week on insulin.

01:14:28 <Erimesse> That's Sammy.

01:14:40 <Tuki> you have only one cat?

01:14:56 <Erimesse> Two cats - my civie (civilian = non-diabetic) is Pounce.

01:15:07 <Tuki> oh

01:15:20 <Erimesse> Pounce is sitting on the back of the chair watching me.

01:15:46 <Tuki> the way you described Sammy as your sugar baby or something I thought he was one of a group

01:15:57 <Tuki> I put Tuki to bed

01:16:00 <Erimesse> Pounce is enough to be a group

01:16:13 <rutabaga> I'll be back in a few minutes....

01:16:20 <Tuki> oka Rut

01:16:29 <Erimesse> The reason I made a point of telling you Erimesse isn't exactly my real name is to let you know I understand if you want to be private.

01:16:55 <Tuki> I've done chats for a long time

01:17:01 <Tuki> just not this one

01:17:05 <Erimesse> But it would be nice to have a fake name to call you by :-)

01:17:12 <Erimesse> I've done newsgroups for a long time, but fairly new to chat.

01:17:35 <Tuki> I used to be staff in a couple of chats

01:17:49 <Erimesse> Ah, have you met Lisa?

01:17:52 <Tuki> I am too upset right now to think of a good name

01:17:55 <Tuki> name

01:18:03 <Erimesse> That's OK. Can I keep calling you Tuki then?

01:18:05 <Tuki> I've met many Lisas

01:18:22 <Tuki> yes call me tuki please that is how I logged in

01:18:35 <Erimes> Lisa is the one who's site this is at - there's good grammar for you.

01:18:39 <Tuki> I am here as his rep

01:18:49 <Erimes> Ellen logs in as her cat too.

01:18:57 <Tuki> no I don't think that I have met that lisa

01:19:07 <Erimes> If you came on late she was probably already off to bed.

01:19:10 <Tuki> I mainly do anxiety sites

01:19:19 <Erimes> I haven't tried those yet.

01:19:25 <Tuki> this is the first time I chatted here

01:19:50 <Erimes> Gorbachev ""of the famous feline variety"" is Lisa's cat.

01:19:53 <Tuki> www. algy.com/anxiety has an excellent site

01:20:01 <Erimes> Otherwise known as Gorb.

01:20:08 <Erimes> And you are at Gorbzilla, which is Lisa's site.

01:20:17 <Tuki> oh, I see

01:20:28 <Erimes> I have some newsgroups sited on anxiety. I'd prefer that over chats.

01:20:30 <Tuki> I hope that she doesn't mind freeloaders?

01:20:34 <Erimes> No.

01:20:43 <Tuki> who payus for the chat?

01:20:45 <Erimes> If Cindy were still here, she and I would be discussing her computer :-)

01:20:46 <Tuki> pays

01:21:03 <Erimes> It's either free or a set monthly fee, but Lisa doesn't seem to mind people using it at any time.

01:21:13 <Erimes> I don't think she's paying for time, no.

01:21:39 <Tuki> is there a free version? the site I use desperately needs to find a better chat

01:21:56 <Erimes> I know a lot about computers, but chats isn't one of them :-)

01:21:56 <Tuki> this one seems good

01:22:13 <Tuki> do you work with computers?

01:22:14 <Erimes> This is the first (and only) chat I do. I do a little ICQ occasionally.

01:22:20 <Tuki> I have ICQ

01:22:28 <Tuki> <<-- chat addict

01:22:30 <Erimes> Do you want my ICQ number?

01:22:39 <Tuki> not today, thanks

01:22:47 <Tuki> maybe if I get to know you

01:22:49 <Erimes> OK - just thought in case you needed to talk.

01:22:57 <Tuki> that's kind of you

01:23:07 <Erimes> I trust me. I guess I gotta remember you don't know me.

01:23:23 <Tuki> I have so many people on there that I never hear from

01:23:42 <Erimes> I really have only one person on there I talk to. Working on another if I can get her to do it.

01:23:48 <Tuki> I use it for crisis intervention mostly with anxiety ppl

01:24:05 <Tuki> so it's hard to just chat sometimes

01:24:16 <Erimes> Are you having anxiety problems now?

01:24:22 <Tuki> always

01:24:29 <Erimes> The cat isn't making it better.

01:24:34 <Tuki> but not as bad as when I first came in

01:24:47 <Erimes> I apologize. I wasn't trying to scare you.

01:24:55 <Tuki> too many loved ones sick right now

01:25:13 <Tuki> I feel like a juggler who is losing control

01:25:20 <Erimes> I know the feeling

01:25:31 <Erimes> I think my fear over Sammy contributed to my anxiety.

01:25:35 <Tuki> I can't help them all and can't not help any

01:25:41 <Erimes> Yup.

01:25:46 <Tuki> do you have panic attacks?

01:25:52 <Erimes> Used to.

01:25:52 <rutabaga> Back, with (cooked) chicken.

01:25:59 <Tuki> wb rut

01:26:00 <Erimes> For you or the cat?

01:26:06 <Erimes> Rut. LOL.

01:26:14 <Erimes> You have a new nickname.

01:26:47 <Erimes> Coincidentally (or not) Sammy was diagnosed right around when the anxiety started showing itself

01:27:18 <rutabaga> For me. He would not care for the jalapenos.

01:27:27 <Erimes> No, probably not.

01:27:38 <rutabaga> I\_know\_this.

01:28:05 <rutabaga> The LOOK on his face when he stole a little, a few weeks back....

01:28:09 <Tuki> I've been dealing with anxiety for many years

01:28:19 <Tuki> poor kitty

01:28:33 <Erimes> Anxiety is new to me. Apparently, as averages go, I got it rather old.

01:28:47 <Erimes> I remember when a former kitty, Sarina, got a hold of one of my garlic pills.

01:28:51 <Erimes> Just use your imagination.

01:28:51 <rutabaga> Ah, and that tells me more about why Tuki's hard to give shots.... Cats are very good at picking up on anxiety....

01:29:14 <Erimess> I get pretty anxious over my first shot - wondered if I was going to panic.

01:29:25 <rutabaga> And I had a real problem, till I got it clear in my head that I was sabotaging treating Nougie by letting my anxiety run my hands.

01:29:50 <Tuki> it's not a choice, rutr

01:29:51 <Erimess> You know what my biggest problem was?

01:30:07 <Erimess> I couldn't friggin' see inside his fur to the skin to see if I'd even poked him!

01:30:23 <rutabaga> It wasn't a choice, and i'm not saying you are choosing to make it hard.

01:30:58 <rutabaga> But once I realized that I had to do it, even if I was almost puking from MY reaction, I found a place inside that I could put my terror till I had time for it.

01:30:58 <Erimess> I presume you've learned lots and lots of wonderful old relaxation techniques?

01:31:13 <rutabaga> I wish I could do that for job interviews, but I'm glad I can do it for poking the cat.

01:31:26 <Erimess> Let's don't talk about job interviews just now, OK?

01:31:35 <rutabaga> Erimess, what helped me was doing a shot blindfolded.

01:31:47 <Erimess> There's a new one I haven't heard.

01:31:57 <rutabaga> My eyes were helping me scare myself. My hands knew more than my eyes did.

01:32:07 <Erimess> I could do it blindfolded now that I've done it over 2 years, but not when I was new.

01:32:31 <Tuki> I'm not afraid to give the shots

01:32:40 <Erimess> Then what are you afraid of?

01:32:48 <Tuki> I just don't sleep much and I'm shakey

01:32:50 <rutabaga> I had to do something, or he wouldn't get his dose. I had to find some way of breaking my pattern.

01:33:06 <Tuki> and when I give it like that I'm afraid that I will damage him

01:33:12 <Erimess> I used to wake up in the middle of the night and check that Sammy was breathing.

01:33:33 <rutabaga> And with the stress of your husband's surgery and your cat being ill, and didn't you say you lost another c at recently, ghod, yes, it must be hard for you.

01:33:46 <rutabaga> When's the last time you took a couple hours to do something that was all for YOU?

01:33:50 <Erimess> Is the sleeping thing just normal for you or part of the anxiety?

01:34:11 <Tuki> yeah i did that today (I usually sleep in the mornings) I was worried that he'd OD on the insulin because he didn't eat

01:34:27 <Erimess> Make sure he eats first

01:34:33 <Tuki> He won't eat

01:34:44 <Tuki> I cannot ""make sure that he eats""

01:34:55 <Erimesse> Is the lack of eating recent?  
01:35:07 <Tuki> how important is the times I give the needles  
01:35:17 <Erimesse> Fairly important.  
01:35:31 <Tuki> he hasn't been eating much since he was diabetic  
01:35:40 <Erimesse> That's not too unusual.  
01:35:41 <Tuki> rut, Tuki'  
01:35:42 <Tuki> s  
01:35:58 <Erimesse> So this is since Sept?  
01:36:07 <Tuki> twin died when they were almost 10, over 6 years ago  
01:36:32 <rutabaga> My vet said not to worry if I was an hour late once in a while, or had to give the shot a half hour early.... but that the more regular I could manage, the better.  
01:36:39 <rutabaga> Ah, I misunderstood that, earlier....  
01:36:45 <Erimesse> Yeah, that's basically true.  
01:36:50 <Tuki> I noticed it in Sept when i came back from being away for two weeks, I thought the kid hadn't cleaned the litter box for several days  
01:37:04 <Erimesse> Is the litter box near the food?  
01:37:08 <Tuki> yes  
01:37:10 <Tuki> why?  
01:37:11 <Erimesse> I'd move it.  
01:37:15 <Tuki> whay?  
01:37:18 <Tuki> why?  
01:37:29 <Erimesse> I'm versed in typos :-)  
01:37:38 <Erimesse> They smell it. Don't want it near their food.  
01:37:39 <rutabaga> Because if he could smell food and not pee, it might help his appetite....  
01:37:59 <Tuki> I usually feed him in the kitchen  
01:38:11 <Tuki> not near the litter box  
01:38:13 <Erimesse> Can the litter box go in the bathroom?  
01:38:21 <Tuki> no way  
01:38:31 <Tuki> the litter box is near the furnace  
01:38:45 <Erimesse> If you keep it clean, I wouldn't think the boy not cleaning it would be affecting him now.  
01:38:59 <Erimesse> Heat intensifies the smell.  
01:39:10 <Tuki> we have also had a problem with Tuki deciding that ""big cats don't sit down to pee""  
01:39:17 <rutabaga> Erimesse, I think the point was that he'd been PUing so much that the box was swimmy.  
01:39:19 <Tuki> it isn't hot

01:39:32 <Tuki> right ruta

01:39:36 <rutabaga> <laugh> just stands tehre and turns on the spigot!

01:39:44 <Erimesse> Oh, yeah, the days when I cleaned it 10 times a day :-)

01:39:46 <Tuki> the boy cleaned the box

01:40:01 <rutabaga> Yah, I thought that was what you meant.

01:40:14 <Tuki> I cleaned the box (muttering to myself) the next morning it looked like 4 days pee again

01:40:15 <Erimesse> OH, I thought you said he hadn't cleaned it

01:40:32 <rutabaga> She said she thought aht when she saw it....

01:40:34 <Tuki> That was how I knoew something was wrong

01:40:50 <Erimesse> Is Tuki still on DM?

01:41:05 <Tuki> but I don't know if that was when it started because when I'm home he goes out n the yard a lot

01:41:14 <Tuki> no he didn't like the DM

01:41:22 <Tuki> he's on the w/d

01:41:25 <Erimesse> Ah, OK, that's what I was wondering.

01:41:26 <Tuki> and tuna

01:41:32 <Erimesse> He's on w/d now?

01:41:40 <Tuki> yes

01:41:55 <Tuki> and a ""Medi-cal"" weight contrl

01:42:30 <Tuki> but he throws up the Hills w/d dry

01:42:41 <Tuki> not every time, but often

01:42:43 <Erimesse> I didn't know w/d came in dry.

01:42:49 <Tuki> yes

01:42:58 <Tuki> I gave him that because it's Hills

01:43:00 <Erimesse> How long ago did you switch from dm to w/d?

01:43:17 <Tuki> and he's used to having a bowl of Science Diet (Hills)

01:43:28 <Tuki> long time.. i don't know

01:43:35 <rutabaga> <nod> a cat that's hungry (like if it's trying to eat fast enough to keep up with too much insulin, for example) can end up tossing lunch, because when the food gets into his belly it soaks up water, and swells.

01:43:37 <Erimesse> But it's been a while?

01:43:49 <Erimesse> Regurgitation

01:44:02 <Tuki> he's always been an upchucker

01:44:15 <rutabaga> I have one cat who sometimes gorges and then barfs, and when she's in that mode, I find that putting a few pingpong balls in her feeder helps a lot.

01:44:15 <Erimesse> I had a cat that threw up a lot.

01:44:27 <Erimess> Pingpong balls?

01:44:31 <Erimess> LOL

01:44:37 <Tuki> he likes to eat grass and purge

01:44:40 <rutabaga> With the balls in the way, the cat is forced to pick around 'em, and can't gobble down food quiet so fast.

01:44:48 <rutabaga> quite.

01:44:52 <Tuki> wow what a clever mom

01:45:13 <rutabaga> I am a firm believer in sneakiness when it'll help my cats.

01:45:25 <Erimess> I'm gonna try to hunt down some links. Hang on.

01:46:48 <Tuki> I need to try to sleep

01:47:01 <Tuki> I vowed to be in bed 45 min ago

01:47:19 <Tuki> my day and nights are all messed up

01:47:28 <Erimess> Give me a sec, OK?

01:47:30 <rutabaga> I hope you have a good sleep, and wake up understanding that we are not trying to tell you what to do, but to pass on lessons that have been learned the hard way....

01:48:20 <Erimess> <http://www.vetcentric.com/magazine/magazineArticle.cfm?ARTICLEID=1430>

01:48:20 <rutabaga> I'm glad you have a vet you trust, but do some research on rebound if you would, and raise the question with your vet....

01:48:31 <Erimess> OK, that link is about food.

01:48:42 <Tuki> I thought that I would put him on insulin and everything would return to normal. It never did

01:49:00 <Erimess> It's apparently that you are having a hard time trusting strangers on the internet. Understandable.

01:49:09 <Erimess> I apologize if I pushed you or scared you.

01:49:25 <Erimess> So I'm giving you the above link because it's written about research a vet did, on food.

01:50:21 <Tuki> thanks for the link and all the information

01:50:34 <rutabaga> Well, what I was amazed about is how powerful insulin is.... too much is way too much, but the right dose, once you can find it, is amazing. Nougie isn't at the right dose, I don't think, but he's SO much better it's encouraging. Please hold onto hope, please know there IS an answer, and please trust YOURSELF to find it!

01:51:21 <Erimess> Also, if you want, come to the board, through [www.felinediabetes.com](http://www.felinediabetes.com). There's a world of experience there with people who have been living with diabetic cats for years.

01:51:21 <Tuki> I don't know. I'm past running out of money

01:51:45 <Erimess> There's a place called IMOM that helps out if you're short of money.

01:52:03 <Tuki> in Canada

01:52:11 <Erimess> It's in Canada?

01:52:15 <Tuki> I don't think I will qualify

01:52:23 <rutabaga> Yes, you should find them, but I can't remember the url right now. I think some of the cats on IMOM are in Canada.

01:52:29 <Tuki> hubby has money. I don't

01:52:43 <Erimes> Someone on the board will have a link, if you want to post there and ask for it.

01:52:56 <Tuki> I just haven't been working

01:53:11 <Erimes> I just don't want you to give up.

01:53:28 <Tuki> he's old.. I have to let go of him sometime

01:53:39 <Tuki> I just need to know when

01:53:41 <Erimes> But not because of diabetes.

01:53:46 <Erimes> He'll let you know when.

01:53:54 <rutabaga> Yes, he is old enough to be a testament to your loving care.

01:53:57 <Tuki> I think that there is more wrong than diabetes

01:54:08 <Erimes> Keep one thing in mind: letting him go is a decision you cannot reverse.

01:54:17 <Tuki> and I really don't want to put him through all the tests

01:54:38 <Tuki> keeping him forever isn't possible either

01:54:47 <Erimes> None of us can keep them forever.

01:54:59 <Erimes> But I'm damn well gonna keep Sammy for as long as I'm able.

01:55:01 <Tuki> I fought so hard to save Tigi. She wasn't even ten

01:55:06 <Tuki> but I lost her

01:55:20 <Erimes> That's in the past. You can't help that.

01:55:21 <Tuki> and all my money

01:55:40 <Tuki> last month my buddy lost his cat

01:55:51 <Tuki> and my friend lost her hubby

01:56:00 <Tuki> they all go

01:56:18 <Erimes> Yes, they all go. But they don't have to go before their time.

01:56:52 <rutabaga> There are no guarantees, ever. Someday I'll be dead. but until then, I'll do my best to do my best for me, for my friends, for people I love, and for the cats who've consented to be my pillowfriends.

01:56:56 <Tuki> at almost 17 blind and deaf and now diabetic.. I don't know how much more this little rascal can take

01:57:19 <Erimes> You might be surprised.

01:57:25 <Tuki> I keep hoping that I'll find him dead and not have to make a decision

01:57:41 <Erimes> That's very understandable

01:58:02 <Erimes> When Sammy's day comes, I hope he just dies and doesn't make me make that decision.

01:58:17 <Tuki> someone mentioned a video for ear pricks

01:58:27 <Tuki> is that online?

01:58:32 <Erimes> Uh... yeah, it's online.  
01:58:45 <Tuki> can an old computer view it  
01:58:50 <Erimes> I don't know the URL, but if you go to www.gorbzilla.com (where you are now) there's some links there.  
01:58:57 <Erimes> How old?  
01:59:00 <Tuki> oh, right, thanks  
01:59:08 <Tuki> pentium  
01:59:26 <Tuki> I'll find out  
01:59:26 <Erimes> It's not really about the computer - it's about what's on the computer.  
01:59:35 <Erimes> Mine's pretty old and I can view some of them.  
01:59:47 <Tuki> this one won't run any of the newer stuff  
02:00:04 <Tuki> I hope to see you both again  
02:00:15 <Tuki> thank you for your patience  
02:00:25 <Tuki> goodnight  
02:00:29 <Erimes> <http://gorbzilla.com/Gorb's%%20home%%20testing%%20primer.htm>

02:00:42 <rutabaga> People have been patient with me, and I try to pay forward.  
02:00:43 <rutabaga> Goodnight!  
02:00:43 <Erimes> That's the page that the hometesting stuff is on. There's several links from that page.  
02:01:37 <Tuki> thanks I book marked it  
02:01:40 <Tuki> bye  
02:01:50 <Erimes> Damn!  
02:01:58 <rutabaga> Yeah.  
02:02:17 <Erimes> Do you think we lost her?  
02:02:18 <rutabaga> And at least four of the seven words George Carlin can't say on TV!  
02:02:27 <Erimes> Yeah, and a few more.  
02:03:18 <rutabaga> Well, I htink she's only intersted in hearing ""y es, it would be the kind thing to put Tuki to sleep before you go with your husband""....  
02:03:34 <rutabaga> I hope I'm being my bitchy uncharitable self, but ....  
02:03:57 <Erimes> Sounds like she's got a lot on her plate right now and it overwhelmed.  
02:04:54 <rutabaga> Yes, and I'm trying to keep that in mind, but I have been wanting to scream for way too mcuch of the last hour....  
02:05:00 <Erimes> I feel guilty now. That I came on too strong with all the questions.  
02:05:23 <rutabaga> Eh, for soem folks that's the right approach, for some not.  
02:05:32 <Erimes> Yeah, you're right, you can't know.

02:05:58 <Erimes> I want to have some good backup for why I suspected rebound, but wasn't getting the information.

02:07:03 <rutabaga> I almost got the feeling a couple times that she was carefully not understanding some questions because they'd lead to us telling what she didn't want to hear.

02:07:10 <Erimes> I guess I came off sounding like the Spanish Inquisition :-(

02:07:22 <Erimes> That's possible.

02:07:25 <rutabaga> And ... she didn't expect the Spanish Inquisition?

02:07:57 <Erimes> Well, when she once got upset and said she came here... for I don't remember what, I kind of got the feeling it was just for confirmation.

02:08:24 <Erimes> Like, this is what I think, please tell me I'm right.

02:08:59 <rutabaga> Confirmation that hiring Tuki killed was the right thing to do so she wouldn't have the inconvenience of paying for its care while she was gone when it'll be dead soon anyway?

02:09:19 <Erimes> I didn't necessarily mean that.

02:09:28 <rutabaga> I mean, sure, I understand what she was saying about the other cat -- soemtimes it's time to let go.

02:09:40 <Erimes> There's no way we can know if it's time to let go.

02:09:40 <rutabaga> YOu're nicer than I am. It's OK. Most people are.

02:09:50 <Erimes> Nah, I'm a bitch. :-)

02:10:03 <rutabaga> Most bitches are nicer than I am.

02:10:09 <Erimes> I just don't want someone letting go for the wrong reason at the wrong time.

02:10:22 <Erimes> You hide it as well as I do then. :-)

02:10:36 <rutabaga> Well, that's not something we can control.

02:11:08 <Erimes> I had to close my eyes and bite my tongue a few times.

02:11:16 <rutabaga> One of the cats in this house was declawed by a former owner who wanted to buy new furniture.

02:11:24 <Erimes> I think it helped when we got off the dose subject and just talked about other stuff.

02:11:43 <rutabaga> Yeah, if only we planted enough clue seeds before that....

02:11:46 <Erimes> Why bother buying new furniture with a cat?

02:12:20 <Erimes> She sounded like she was taking it in, until suddenly there was the vet thing --

02:12:23 <rutabaga> I mean, I don't really want her to dink with the doses without understanding what she doesn't, yet, but if she just goes in and asks her vet ""what's this about rebound"", that's a win....

02:12:28 <Erimes> But my vet said so...

02:12:30 <rutabaga> Yeah.

02:12:39 <rutabaga> I trust my vet and you've never seen my cat.

02:12:46 <Erimes> Yeah, that was it.

02:13:05 <Erimess> I think that was protection.

02:13:10 <rutabaga> ECID, but some patterns read like large print.

02:13:26 <rutabaga> Protection? You mean like guarding a sensitive spot?

02:13:32 <Erimess> Jumping from 2 to 4 units with only spot checks is large print.

02:13:36 <Erimess> Yeah.

02:14:39 <Erimess> Well, maybe protection against too much information at once. Protection of her vet. I dunno.

02:15:57 <Erimess> Just odd that she came because she felt something was wrong with the dose increase, but didn't want to listen that there was something wrong with the dose increase.

02:15:59 <Erimess> Huh?

02:16:08 <rutabaga> <shrug> we'll see what happens.

02:16:26 <Erimess> Or not.

02:16:38 <rutabaga> Came in scared, she said, that her cat was dying, and then transitioned with barely a bobble to ""maybe I could put it down""....

02:17:07 <rutabaga> well, yeah, sometimes we see nothing at all, and a cat by that name never shows up on the boards, and we see what isn't there, and say ""shit!""

02:17:10 <Erimess> I didn't catch the beginning of that conversation.

02:17:36 <rutabaga> I'm not sure how verbatim this is, but it's close:

02:17:38 <rutabaga> I think my cat's dying.

02:18:02 <Erimess> That really could be part of what anxiety does to you.

02:18:17 <rutabaga> He's been on insulin since december, he's up to 6 units and he's getting worse.

02:18:18 <Erimess> You can start panicking over everything.

02:18:34 <Erimess> She said he was getting worse?

02:18:47 <rutabaga> She. Said. He. Was. Getting. Worse.

02:18:58 <rutabaga> du-uuu-uuu-uuuh!

02:19:22 <Erimess> Hmm, would've thought she'd be ready to listen to why he was getting worse.

02:19:48 <Erimess> Course, there's a w/d thing. Might need a higher dose. But by that time, I was afraid to say anything else.

02:19:53 <rutabaga> One would start fighting not to cop attitude at that moment.

02:19:59 <rutabaga> at least THIS one would.

02:20:35 <Erimess> She seems leary of the entire internet scene.

02:20:45 <Erimess> I don't blame her - that's why I have no real name. :-)

02:21:14 <Erimess> That's why I tried to hunt down those links at the last minute - hoping she'd at least listen to something by a vet.

02:21:40 <rutabaga> Oh, we're all perverts (well, I don't know about HER or YOU, but \_I\_ sure am!) and a lot of us like to molest children (I don't know about YOU or HER but it's not MY kink). and we all want other people's

credit cards and identities....

02:21:57 <rutabaga> You know. The internet is scary.

02:22:12 <Erimess> Yes, but some people ARE perverts and they DO want your credit card.

02:22:28 <rutabaga> Well, it is to me, now, because I can look back to when I first found it, and it WAS a whole lot better in some ways.....

02:23:19 <rutabaga> No web, all the email I got was person from a real person to me....  
<sigh>

02:23:26 <Erimess> She said she'd done a lot of chats, and as an overall, they're probably not great places sometimes.

02:23:58 <Erimess> That's why Lisa kicks off anyone who won't say who they are.

02:24:43 <rutabaga> Yeah, I can understand that. Note that even though I kinda figured the folk on were bright enough to figure that if rutabaga got disconnected broccoli would be right back.

02:24:54 <Erimess> lol

02:24:54 <rutabaga> Even so, I re-IDed.

02:25:20 <rutabaga> And yes, I ws sort of looking forward to getting so far down the list that I oculd come in as Durian....

02:25:22 <Erimess> Try corn next time

02:25:27 <rutabaga> even if htat is a fruit....

02:25:33 <Erimess> durian?

02:26:00 <rutabaga> durian is a melon that is reputed to taste absolutely wonderful, but which it is illegal to trasnport on commercial airlines.

02:26:14 <Erimess> Uh...

02:26:25 <Erimess> Illegal to transport?

02:26:29 <Erimess> How very odd.

02:26:34 <rutabaga> It smells, not exactly like shit, but more like an outhouse that has never been limed, and has been used by platoons of bean-eaters with severe digestive disorders.

02:26:53 <Erimess> Well, that's not exactly like shit, but close enough.

02:26:55 <rutabaga> It is reported, however, to taste heavenly.

02:27:06 <Erimess> I don't think I could taste something that smelled that way.

02:27:37 <Erimess> I really need to get to bed.

02:28:03 <rutabaga> I know one store in San Francisco that sometimes has durian. I think I mentioned that I'm a pervert. One illustration of this is that if I can get a durian before one of our perverted gettogethers, I'll challenge my friends to a durian-eating contest. Heh.

02:28:22 <rutabaga> Good thought, it IS getting sleepy out and I gotta be awake for morhing-shot.

02:28:40 <Erimess> Yes, it's sleepy out. And contacts are killing me.

02:28:59 <Erimess> Now I'll lay awake worrying that this cat is going to get put to sleep.

02:29:05 <rutabaga> <nod> sleep well, and know that even if we would do better another

time, we did our best.  
02:29:16 <Erimess> Yep, guess I should remember that.  
02:29:39 <Erimess> Good night.  
02:29:42 <rutabaga> the cat will either live or die. We voted as hard as we could. That has  
to be enough.  
02:29:44 <rutabaga> Goodnight!  
08:43:49 <sugarcat729> no one is here..  
08:44:19 <sugarcat729> hi Staff