

CANINE OBESITY

Canine obesity has long been an on going battle for veterinarians and their clients: and now that a recent study is showing that 40% of all canines in the United States are obese, something new needs to be done. Obesity causes serious life-threatening problems such as; heart disease, diabetes, respiratory problems and one of the most common arthritis and it should not be left untreated. Most canines become obese because their owners feed them table scraps or just too much dry or canned diet for their needs. Table scraps should be avoided at all cost due to the simple fact that they are so high in fat and have little to no nutritional value. Common preventative methods owners use include; increasing their canine's daily exercise and substituting carrots and green beans for treats. For years owners have learned that the best way to help their canine lose weight is to consult with their veterinarian about a good prescription diet food and how to give properly proportioned meals. However, much like many other treatments, this might not work for all canines, so what should you do for your canine if all else has failed? Pfizer Animal Health will be introducing the first and only medication for canine obesity in the second half of this year to veterinarians. Pfizer has also made a very informative website called www.stopcanineobesity.com and a toll free number (877-753-6876) that provides information for canine owners on clinical signs/causes of obesity, the health concerns, and of course the solutions that canine owners can consult with their veterinarians about.

If your canine is obese something does need to be done about it, and if all other methods have failed, maybe this new medication is just right for your canine. Ask your veterinarian about solutions today.