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Benjamin Franklin said, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." In the movie *Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey* they beat the Grim Reaper in Battleship, Clue, Electric Football and Twister. (We aren't as good as them in Battleship.) While they may have been able to beat Death in the movie, don't you count on avoiding taxes on April 17th. Many of our friends who are accountants have been working long hours to help their clients meet the deadline.

Refer to our last month's newsletter if you are not going to meet the April 17th deadline concerning filing for an extension, paying at least 90% of your 2011 tax liability by the deadline to avoid the interest and penalties for not paying the tax on time, or need a good recipe from Doloris.

Besides April being an important month for taxpayers, it also is National Heartworm Awareness Month. Take a look at the article by Dr. Gail Dallas on heartworms and your pets. She is a former president of the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association. We think it will be of interest to all pet owners, particularly since it's getting warm early this year. Happy Tax Season!

Protect Your Dog By Using a Heartworm Preventative

By Dr. Gail Dallas, DVM

Heartworm disease in dogs has reached epidemic proportions. Having your dog yearly tested and on a heartworm preventative is important for the best care of your dog. Heartworm is transmitted by mosquitoes from dogs with the parasite to other dogs that mosquitoes bite. The heartworm parasite has moved globally and is present in all 50 U.S. states.

You might be surprised to know that a simple flower pot can serve as a reservoir for mosquitoes to reproduce. With urban development creating "heat islands" it has lengthened transmission seasons. Therefore, it is recommended using a heartworm preventative year round.

The heartworm larva grows in the mosquitoes that have bitten an infected dog. Those mosquitoes later bite and infect a susceptible dog. As the worms grow they infiltrate the blood vessels going to the lungs and can migrate into the heart.

Yearly testing is currently advocated. Keep in mind testing will only test positive after 5 to 6 months after the larva have matured into worms. So young or rescue dogs may be exposed, but can test negative. Then the next year they can test positive even though a preventative was given since the initial test. So starting a puppy at an early age on preventative is important. Standard doses of heartworm preventatives have been shown to be safe in all breeds.

Regardless if a dog has heartworm, it should receive treatment. Heartworms create damage to the heart and lungs and problems in the small blood vessels around the entire body including the liver and kidneys. Heartworm usually can be successfully treated. So what happens if your dog tests heartworm positive? A pretreatment assessment should occur. There are several stages of treatment. An antibiotic is used to treat a bacterial parasite of the heartworm known as Wobachia. Then, Melarsomine is recommended to be administered in two stages. During this two month time period, your dog will have restricted exercise. Remember adult worms are being killed and going into the lungs to be cleared. Another stage of treatment involves the clearing of larva as well as incorporation of a heartworm preventative. Retesting should occur no sooner than 6 months post treatment.

Be sure to protect your dog by having your pet on a heartworm preventative.

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RICK'S RESCUE DOGS



Can you tell which dog has recently had heartworms?

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Tom's mother-in-law (Joan Doloris) is a fantastic cook and he wanted to share her recipes with you. Each month we will feature great down home comfort food for you to enjoy.

Doloris's Divine Dishes



CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS

Not Me!

Ooooh Busted

- 2 large cans of chicken broth
- 5 cups of water
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 egg
- 1 whole chicken or a package of chicken legs and thighs
- Yellow food coloring
- Orrington Farms Broth Mix

Chicken Preparation

I start with a whole chicken or a package of chicken legs and thighs, boil them in a large pot non stick or heavy pan. Cook them on a low boil in about 5 cups of water until they are completely done, remove them from the broth to cool.

Dumplings

I start with about 4 cups of all-purpose flour in a large bowl add salt, pepper to your liking and mix. Add one of the large cans of chicken broth to the stock you make from the chicken. Reserve two cups of broth out of the pan before it gets too hot. Add 1 egg and ½ cup of the broth that you reserved out of the pan. I think it is important to use that broth because you get some of the chicken fat mixed into the dumpling mixture (it makes them hold together better), put in ½ cup of the broth you reserved to start making the flour into a dough that pulls away from the sides of the bowl. Combine one of the cans of chicken broth plus the chicken broth you made from cooking the chicken, turn up the heat to get the broth to a rolling boil, that is important, it has to be boiling when you drop your dumplings in the broth or you will end up with one large dumpling. Flour your surface generously that you are going to roll your dumplings on. Pull off a large handful of the dough, flour both sides of the dough generously or your rolling pin will stick to it. Roll out the dough until it is about ¼ inch thick. Cut dough in half and then about 1 inch wide strips. Your dumplings will be about 3 ½ to 4 inches long when you are done. Pick up each dumpling and give it a slight stretch (that will make the dumpling about the right thickness). Drop one dumpling at a time into the broth so each dumpling is coated with the broth, this will help keep them from sticking together. Keep the broth at a slow rolling boil, drop in about four or five at a time and stir. Keep going until you use up all of your dough mixture. I also use about 4 drops of yellow food coloring. I think that makes the dumplings look richer. I also use about 3 tablespoons Orrington Farms Broth Mix. It is a dry broth mix like bouillon but not as salty; it enhances the chicken flavor. I buy it at Kroger/Jay C store and it is around the canned chicken broth. They have Beef, Ham, and Chicken, the Ham is really good to flavor beans in fact I use them all in about everything I cook that has a meat base to it.

Debone your chicken and add to the dumplings, I also throw away the skin. Cook the dumplings for about ½ hour on low to make sure they don't have a raw flour taste to them.

You will need part of the second can to warm your dumpling the next day, because they will be thick with hardly any broth.



Thoughtful Things

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."

William Shakespeare

This publication is intended to educate the general public about IRS Tax Problem Resolution. It is not intended to be legal advice. Every case is different.