

Parvo virus cases on the rise across the Midwest

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Poultry mites on cats

A client came in because she noticed that her cats were itching and scratching. After taking a close look at the cats' skin a few tiny black spots were found and Dr. Neumeister took a look under the microscope to find that it was a poultry mite. The client confirmed owning chickens, and the cats must have come in contact with them.

This type of mite attacks poultry, wild and cage birds, dogs and cats as well as humans. It is white, grey or black, but when engorged with blood it is red and as such they are often also referred to as "red mites". These mites can survive for up to 9 months without food.

Dr. Neumeister prescribed oral medications to treat the swelling and itching on the cats' skin as well as a topical parasite protection product. The chickens' nests need to be removed and replaced. In addition to that the entire premises need to be treated with insecticides.

Lucybella

Lucybella's owner shared this nice story with us:

"Hi, my name is Lucybella. I am a 15 1/2-year-old wired hair fox terrier. I love the outdoors and one of my favorite activities is going to the river and riding with my owner on our wave runner. You may have seen us; I'm the one wearing the little yellow life jacket with my paws draped over the handle bars. I also love our daily hour walks. People always comment on how happy I look prancing down the trails. They are right; this is the highlight of my day!

My owner is a retired teacher, and over the years has had many classroom pets including box turtles, a hedgehog, a chinchilla, and other rodents and reptiles. However, when I was a year old, I got to go to school, too! My owner was working on her master's degree, and the topic of her thesis was "Pets in the Classroom". The school board gave special permission for me to accompany her to school for two years. It was wonderful! I grew especially fond of one 4th grade boy who had trouble reading. He read at a 1st grade level and was embarrassed to read to anyone. His special reading teacher asked my owner if I could go with him when he went for extra reading help. So every day I would happily scamper down the hall to Remedial Reading class with him. We would sit together on a bean bag chair, and he would read all sorts of exciting stories to me. I didn't care if he stumbled over the words, and I could tell he felt very comfortable reading to me. Later, when his confidence improved, he would let his reading teacher listen, too.

I also remember a time when there was a bad thunderstorm. There was lots of lightning and booming thunder. I could tell

one little boy was especially nervous. I went over and hopped up on his lap and stayed there until the storm was over. He hung on to me and buried his face in my fur. Days later, his mother told my owner that her son was deathly afraid of storms, and she was worried about him that day. However, when he came home from school, he was calm and he told her that he wasn't afraid during the storm because I was there with him.

Probably the child that needed me the most was a little girl from Chicago who was sent to Galena to live with family friends after a terrible family tragedy. She was very angry and aggressive. The other children were afraid of her, and she didn't have any friends. I spent a great deal of time sitting on her lap during class. When I was with her, she would relax and calm down, petting and cuddling with me. Little by little, other children would approach her and ask if they could pet me, too. At first she was a little hesitant, but slowly she allowed the other children to join her. By the end of the year she was much happier and was accepted by the other children.

I think my funniest memories are of the rough tough boys. When it was their turn to brush me, put on my jacket or sweater, or take me for my walk, they were surprisingly gentle with me. I brought out their nurturing side.

It was a great two years!

Even though my owner had many classroom pet over the years, the one they loved the most and remembered the best was me!"

Embedded tooth segment

A 5-year-old Golden Retriever was referred to us because of chronic inflammation in the lower mouth arcade. This had

started when the dog was only 5 months old. Three years ago a tooth as well as gingival mass had been removed, but the swelling did not recede. A histopathology of the gingival mass confirmed the chronic inflammation. Dr. Neumeister took a dental radiograph which showed an embedded tooth segment.

The segment was surgically removed and the dog will be treated with antibiotics for the next couple weeks.

