Obesity to pet dogs.

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Abstract: In a survey of 1,000 dogs over one year of age attending as outpatients in a hospital clinic, 28% were obese. The incidence of obesity was higher in females (32%) than in males (23%). In both sexes the incidence increased as the dogs approached middle age, from 12% to 34% in males and from 21% to 41% in females. The incidence varied in different breeds. Dogs receiving proprietary dog biscuits or meal as part of their diet showed a higher incidence of obesity than those which did not. Dogs receiving the main part of their food made up of table scraps or other home prepared food showed a higher incidence of obesity than those fed on proprietary canned dog meat.
was higher (44%) among dogs owned by obese people than among dogs of people of normal physique (25%). The incidence was higher (34-37%) among dogs owned by people in middle and elderly age groups than among dogs owned by people under 40 years of age (20%). The owners of 31% of the dogs classified as obese considered their dogs to be normal, not obese.
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