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Discharge Letter

July 12, 2016

Referring Hospital: All Creatures Animal Hospital

Client: Lance Van Rheenen

Patient: Jitterbug, Australian Shepherd, FS, 7 years 2 months, 60 LBS

Dear Dr. Stephanie Bites:

Lance Van Rheenen presented Jitterbug for care on Wednesday, July 01, 2015. Below is a summary of her visit and treatments at Madison Animals.

**HISTORY:**

Bloody Diarrhea

**EXAM:**

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**Subjective Assessment**

Alert **NORMAL CONDITION**

Depressed

Bright **NORMAL CONDITION**

Lethargic

Hydrated **NORMAL CONDITION**

<6% dehydrated

Responsive **NORMAL CONDITION**

Obviously does not feel well; giving me the "whites of eyes" look

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**Oral-Nasal-Throat**

Normal **NORMAL CONDITION**

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**Ears**

Normal **NORMAL CONDITION**

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**Eyes**

Normal **NORMAL CONDITION**

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**Cardiovascular**

Normal Auscultation **NORMAL CONDITION**

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### Respiratory

Normal **NORMAL CONDITION**

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### Abdominal

Diarrhea **ABNORMAL CONDITION**

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### Genitourinary

Normal **NORMAL CONDITION**

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### Musculoskeletal

Abnormal **ABNORMAL CONDITION**

Generalized muscle wasting

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### Integument

Abnormal **ABNORMAL CONDITION**

Perineal soiling

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### Lymphatics

Normal **NORMAL CONDITION**

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### Neurological

Normal **NORMAL CONDITION**

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### Rectal

History of chronic loose stool, but it has never been bloody before.

### DIAGNOSIS:

Emaciation

Diarrhea-Chronic

### SUMMARY:

Discharge Instructions

Jitterbug has diarrhea of unknown origin. We found no evidence of parasites, but we are treating for them nonetheless. If the chronic loose stool fails to improve, then I think she should be worked up for enzyme deficiency or inflammatory bowel disease at her primary care veterinarian.

### MEDICATIONS:

7/10/2016 - Amoxicillin 125mg - 20 tablet

7/10/2016 - TRAMADOL 50MG - 10 tablet

If laboratory testing and/or x-rays have been done, a copy has been included with this letter and emailed to Lance Van Rheenen. Please do not hesitate to contact me at or email at [mvanrheenen@evetpractice.com](mailto:mvanrheenen@evetpractice.com) should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your referrals,

Megan Van Rheenen, D.V.M.



Madison Animals  
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Owner: Lance Van Rheenen (1)  
Patient: Jitterbug Van Rheenen (3)  
Breed: Australian Shepherd  
Age: 7 years 2 months

Lab Test: 7/11/2016 - Fecal floatation and exam

Name	Value	Minimum	Maximum	Units	Comments
Roundworms	negative			positive/negative	
Hookworms	negative			positive/negative	
Whipworms	negative			positive/negative	
Coccidia	negative			positive/negative	
Giardia	negative			positive/negative	
Bacteria	negative			positive/negative	
Blood	positive			positive/negative	

After an episode of several episodes of gastrointestinal upset (vomiting, diarrhea), it is best to rest the gastrointestinal tract for ~ 24 hours (in pets older than 6 months). After this initial period and providing Jitterbug is improving, you can introduce small amounts of a bland diet. The staff of Madison Animals can recommend a food that will accomplish introduction of a temporary, highly digestible, bland diet. In the event that your pet will not consume the recommended dog food, the instructions listed below can substitute.

- WATER is permitted in small amounts.
- Begin feeding boiled beef and rice in small amounts.
- BOIL low fat chopped/ground beef until completely cooked (20-30 minutes).
- POUR off fat and broth and mix beef/chicken with cooked rice (1/2 meat and 1/2 rice).
- LEAN boiled chicken can also be substituted for the chopped beef.
- FEED small amounts of the mixture 3-4 times daily for 3 days, then begin to wean onto regular diet.

Weight Amount to feed:

10 pounds 1/4 cup per feeding

20-30 pounds 1/2 cup per feeding

40-60 pounds 3/4 cup per feeding

70-80 pounds 1 to 1 1/2 cups per feeding

In the event that Jitterbug does not improve, please contact Madison Animals as additional therapies may be indicated.