

## Holiday Shipping Guidelines

Method	Shipping Deadline	Dark Shirts Only
USPS	12/7	12/4
\$5.00 Flat Shipping	12/7	12/4
Standard	12/11	12/8
Two Day	12/18	12/15
Next Day	12/20	12/17
Canada/International	12/8	12/5

Link: <u>http://www.cafepress.com/ourdoghouse</u>

2. Save a Life

## **Dog-Gone Great!**

Did you know your empty ink-jet cartridges and old cell phones could help save a pet's life? Well they can. Drop by your local Petsmart today and pick up a FREE postage paid envelope at the Petsmart Charities recycling display. You do not even have to pay to ship the empty cartridges or cell phones back. In fact, the handy envelope is already addressed. All you need to do is toss your empty ink-jet cartridges or old cell phone inside, seal the bag and drop it into the mail. An added benefit, beyond saving a pet's life, is you will be helping the environment, too!

If your office has a large number of ink-jet cartridges to ship back or you don't have a Petsmart store nearby, you can <u>eMail</u> and tell them how many envelopes you need and give them an address to ship them to.

Link: <u>http://www.petsmartcharities.org/donate/toner-cartridge-recycling.php</u>

3. Vestibular Syndrome

## **Vestibular Syndrome**

In its simplest terms, Vestibular Syndrome is an issue with the connection between the inner ear, middle ear and brain. That in turn causes ataxia. What does this all mean to you and your pet? Pets with Vestibular Syndrome will many times exhibit walking and balancing difficulties. They may further have a head tilt, circle while walking, and their eye movements may seem odd. Some pets may experience some vomiting and loss of appetite.

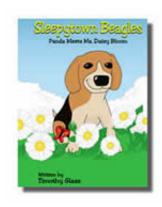
The onset of Vestibular Syndrome is usually very sudden, which can be a shock to most pet owners. However, the pet becomes terrified, not comprehending why they are suddenly in a world of room spins. Sometimes these symptoms can mistakenly be thought to be a stroke or even poisoning at first.

Studies show a correlation to older pets but the disease is not limited to only the seniors. Also, some studies show a connection with Vestibular Syndrome and hypothyroidism. Ear mite infections can also exhibit in the same way. With blood work and a good ear exam, your vet will be able to chart the correct treatment plan for your pet's recovery.

Recovery time of Vestibular Syndrome is dependent on each pet and the severity of the disease. Many times it can last several days to several weeks. The most vital ingredient to recovery that you can offer after your vet does an exam is to provide understanding, patience and a lot of TLC. Also, it is believed it is best to keep the pet in a well-lit room and keep them away from stairs.

Also, the few pets that do not make a full recovery will learn to adapt to this condition. Vestibular Syndrome can affect both dogs and cats.

4. The Sleepytown Beagles Are Here!



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## **Sleepytown Beagles**

The first book in the Sleepytown Beagle Book Series is now available! **Panda Meets Ms. Daisy Bloom** is a charming bedtime story that children of all ages can enjoy. Not only will you be giving a wonderful gift for the holidays, you will be helping homeless pets. A portion of the author's royalties from the sale

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Sold on their web site, the book ships the next business day by USPS Priority Mail. You can even have the book personalized and signed by the author.

Link: http://www.sleepytownbeagles.com

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