

Candy not culprit

Worms infections

QUESTION: I have heard that my dog can get worms from eating candy. Is that true?

ANSWER: While we would never advise feeding your dog candy, it is not true that worms will result from doing it.

Worms and other internal parasites are generally transmitted by infection of the puppy from the mother before or after it is born or by ingestion (eating) of parasite eggs that are passed in the stool of an infected animal and remain in the stool and on the ground for long periods of time.

QUESTION: I have an 8-year-old wirehaired fox terrier that has developed a small red bump on its neck. It has been there for several months and does not seem to be growing or bothering her. What do you think it is?

ANSWER: It could be a papilloma, a type of benign tumor which older dogs often develop. We recommend you have it checked when your dog is in for routine examination or vaccinations or sooner if it is growing or starts bothering the dog.

QUESTION: How often do dogs come into heat?



pet care

ANSWER: Most female dogs will come into heat the first time between six months and one year and then approximately every six months thereafter.

There is great variation. Some cycles last as short as five months and some as long as 18 months.

The period of estrus or heat lasts for 21 days from the first signs of swelling or bleeding.

This column is written by a group of Oakland County veterinarians. Send your questions to: Pet Care, 2905 Walton Blvd., Rochester 48063.

Labor leaders to attend U-M conference

More than 1,000 labor leaders, union members, educators and students are expected to meet at the University of Michigan Jan. 18-19 to discuss the major issues confronting organized labor during the coming decade.

Titled "The 1980s: Plight or Prosperity?" the conference will be the largest gathering of its kind on a college campus in more than 15 years, according to U-M students coordinating the event. "It is a serious effort to bridge the gap between working people and students by creating a forum on the role the labor movement will play in shaping America's future," explains Douglas Fraser, president of United Auto Workers (UAW), one of the conference co-sponsors.

Prominent labor leaders from across the country will be among the speakers, according to the student organizers. William Wimpfheimer, president of the International Association of Machinists; Martin Gerber, international vice president of UAW; Gloria Johnson, national treasurer of the Coalition of Labor Union Women.

THE CONFERENCE will include general sessions and workshops on such issues as inflation and unemployment, plant closings, the impact of energy shortages and pension investment control. Other sessions will address the

special needs of women, minorities and workers in the south.

The conference offers organized labor "a chance to expose and involve people in some of the serious problems it faces, including the growing anti-union campaign, the threat of plant shut-downs and the need to build alliances among labor, minorities, women, environmentalists and other citizens' groups," says Mark Finkelstein, U-M student and a conference coordinator.

"It offers students an opportunity to link themselves with political activity taking place outside the university to improve community well-being and effect social change."

The event is being coordinated and sponsored by Students for Employment and Economic Democracy (SEED) and the Michigan Student Assembly with the aid of the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, a joint unit of the U-M and Wayne State University. Co-sponsors include the UAW, Michigan AFL-CIO, Michigan Council 25 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, United Steelworkers of America and the Progressive Alliance.

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