



Pet Lover Geek

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April 10th 2018: **Pet Obesity: Identifying, Reversing, and Preventing Overweight Pets**

Today we will be talking about pet obesity. In the last few years, it's reached epidemic status and it is not only costing pet parents a lot of money - it's costing our fur kids their lives. Listen carefully as we dive into how to identify if our pets are overweight, how to reverse it if they are, and how you can prevent it in the first place.

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Featured Guests



Dr. Deborah Linder

Dr. Deborah Linder, a board-certified veterinary nutritionist, is head of Tufts Obesity Clinic for Animals at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and Co-Director of the Tufts Institute for Human-Animal Interaction. She has had articles appear in Eating Well, the Boston Globe, AARP, SHAPE, and XM Sirius Radio Doctor Channel. She has spoken at national and international conferences and a Capitol Hill briefing, and is an expert in pet obesity, nutrition communication, and in human-animal interaction. Her recent research includes the impact of obesity on both pets and their owners. Her blog on all things pet nutrition can be found at www.petfoodology.org

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Dr. Ernie Ward

Dr. Ernie Ward is an internationally recognized veterinarian known for his work in the areas of general small animal practice, life extension and longevity, long-term medication monitoring, special needs of senior dogs and cats, and pet obesity. He has authored three books, including "Chow Hounds: Why Our Dogs Are Getting Fatter." Dr. Ward has been a frequent guest on television programs and served as the resident veterinarian for the "Rachael Ray Show" from 2007 until 2014. He has over 100,000 followers on Facebook, and serves over 20,000 on his Twitter accounts, YouTube vlog, and popular weekly podcast, Veterinary Viewfinder and is a highly sought after veterinary media expert.

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Krista Wickens

As businesswomen go, Krista Wickens is more of an Amelia Earhart, than a Meg Whitman. She has developed products and programs for some of the biggest brands in fitness, including Reebok, Gold's Gym and NordicTrack. The athlete and Montana native didn't create treadmills or balance products, but her innovations have fueled a canine fitness and conditioning movement since 2007 when she founded PetZen® Products. For instance, Wickens developed the industry's first dog-specific treadmill (DogTread®) and training program for the consumer market, an exercise compression vest for dogs (K9FITvest®) that did not shift during movement, and a bone-shaped balance device (K9FITbone™) that promotes prop

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