

Re: Low carbohydrate diet for glycemic and lipidemia control

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Sharon Hope wrote:

Since you are on the topic of diabetes, did you happen to see the articles on the Beagle who won the lifesaving award?

She actually dialed 911 (yes, on purpose) to save her master's life.

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/bizarre/3985928.html>

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20060620/ap_on_fe_st/hero_dog_2

She is a specially trained diabetic service dog.

"Using their keen sense of smell, the animals can detect abnormalities in a person's blood-sugar levels.

The dog periodically licks Weaver's nose to take her own reading of his blood-sugar level. If something seems off to her, she will paw and whine at him.

"Every time she paws at me like that I grab my meter and test myself," Weaver said. "She's never been wrong."

Having known some child diabetics, I can't help but wonder why they don't all have dogs who lick their noses, which has to be far preferable to taking blood tests every day. Has to be much more fun, and lots of additional health benefits from having a best friend, vs a sharp tester.

Sharon, they don't need dogs to lick their noses to find they're running sugars that high, they need doctors and nutritionists to stop telling them to eat most of their calories from starches.

Susan

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