To promote better awareness of zoonotic infections, identify animal-related allergies, understand the health benefits of human-animal relationships and recognize animals as sentinels in environmental risk exposures, the Academy is supporting a collaborative effort of human and veterinary medical organizations called the One Health Initiative.

Pediatricians are asked to consider animal-related issues in daily practice by taking a history of animal contact and consulting and collaborating with local veterinarians. For details, visit www.onehealthinitiative.com.