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Pet-Associated Zoonoses

To the Editor: We read with interest the article by Grant and Olsen on preventing zoonotic diseases in immunocompromised persons (1). We completely agree with the benefits of communication between physicians and veterinarians. However, we want to emphasize that petassociated illnesses are not limited to the immunocompromised; pregnant women and young infants should be included in this highrisk category. Our recently published survey (2) reaffirms the need for education of the general public, parents, and—to a lesser extent—pediatricians regarding pet-associated hazards.

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