



Pawprints

Giles County Animal Rescue, Inc.
Summer 2009

GCAR Summer Care Tips for Pets

Summer is a time for you and your pet to enjoy the outdoors, but along with the fun, the season offers up situations that can endanger your pets. Here are a few tips to keep your pet happy and healthy this summer.

Never leave your pet in the car. During warm weather the temperature inside your car can reach 120 degrees in minutes.

Watch out for fertilizers and deadly plants. Plant food, fertilizer and insecticides can be fatal if ingested.

Pets and pools can equal disaster. Supervise your pets around pools.

Exercise and heat. Use extra care exercising your older, long hair or thick coated dog in the heat. Light coated dogs and cats can sunburn on their nose or ear tips.

Traveling with your pets. If you plan on taking your pets with you while on vacation always have proper ID on the animal.

Play it safe on July 4th. Keep your pets away from the noise of the holiday.

Chew on This

The Siamese

One of the oldest and most recognizable cat breeds in the world, the Siamese began showing up in the United States in the 1800's. The Siamese has blue eyes, wedge shaped head, sleek body with large pointed ears. Most recognizable is the 'points' of seal, chocolate, lilac and blue. Lynx and tortoiseshell are acceptable also. Usually a healthy breed, Siamese can be genetically predisposed to gingivitis and liver disease. Their coats will darken with age. The Siamese can be very vocal, curious, affectionate and athletic. Thinking about adding a Siamese to your family? Please consider a Siamese Rescue first.

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Paws to Read

Why do puppies chew?

A puppy chewing on everything makes you want to scream. Puppies like babies explore their new world with their mouths. Most of the time puppies chew because they are teething. This can last until 6 months of age. The best remedy is to puppy proof your home. Give the puppy proper toys to chew and reward him for chewing on these. Never give puppies old shoes to chew as they do not know the difference between a good or old shoe. Puppies will also chew out of boredom so give them plenty of physical and mental activities each day. Rotate his toys so he does not become bored with the same ones. After 6 months of age if your puppy is still chewing have him checked by your vet. There could be a problem with his gums or he may need a behavioral expert.

Another Option for Spay/Neuter

VAPAWS offers low cost spay/neuters for pets in the New River Valley. Prices summary: Cat Spay/Neuter \$40.00, Female Dog Spay \$50.00, Male Dog Neuter \$45.00, Vaccines - Done with surgery (FVRCP, DHPPC, Rabies, FELV) Additional \$5.00 each, Pain Medications (take home) Additional \$5.00, Dogs who are in heat (Dr must approve surgery) Additional \$10.00, Flea treatment Additional \$5.00 to \$10.00, FELV / FIV Test or Heartworm Test \$18.00

Call 3VA-PAWS for details.



Meet Mary Jane!

Mary Jane Imhof joined GCAR about 4 years ago. She lives in Pearisburg with her husband Pete, daughters Katie (recent college graduate), Maria (student at VT). She also has 3 other children Greg, Suzanne and Christine of Maryland and Florida.

Her family animals include 6 dogs, 5 cats, 40 goats, 2 horses, 4 chickens and 6 guinea hens.

Mary Jane's concern for abandoned and neglected animals in the area is what brought her to GCAR. Some of these animals have found a home with her family. She says "The best part of belonging to this group is they care and do so much for the animal population without attention and acclaim. And seeing the shelter animals. The worst is not enough people to help, ignorance and limited resources. I think that county officials and residents should seriously consider how treatment of cats and dogs reflect their values and behave accordingly."

Thanks Mary Jane!

Always Needed

Crates/Carriers Collars

Leashes Towels

Small Rugs Cat Litter

Edible Treats Scratching Post

Paper Towels Flea Treatment

Shampoo Toys

**A warm, loving home and to be
spayed/neutered.**

A dog has lots of friends because he wags his tail and not his tongue. ~ Anonymous

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