



July / August 2007 Newsletter

N2paws is wishing you a fun filled summer. I hope everyone had a safe 4th of July. Keeping pets in this time of year is always the best bet. Even if they are not afraid, it will keep them away from misguided fireworks and fumes. If they are afraid, there are a variety of things you can do to help your companion through the holiday experience. You might try keeping them in a room away from doors and windows and leave a TV or radio playing. You might also try a little TTouch and alternate with a body wrap or t-shirt. There are also herbs and flower essences that may help.



Summer can bring exposure to wildlife

I just wanted to share with you an experience from a fellow dog owner/animal lover. Her dogs were out playing in the backyard and cornered a raccoon. Somehow in the scrap one of the dogs got bitten and the raccoon died. The dog that was bitten ended up having a seizure within a day of the incident. Upon taking the dog to the vet, the vet was concerned about rabies and asked if they had saved the raccoon, which they had not (they disposed of it immediately). The only way to test for rabies is to use brain tissue (which requires euthanasia and sending the animal's head to a lab). There is no blood test; rabies are passed through saliva. No one wanted to euthanize the dog, and the symptoms were inconclusive. The next step was that the dog had to be house quarantined for 60 days (and separated from the other dog, especially drinking bowls). As it turns out the dog didn't get rabies, but coincidentally is coping with seizures since the incident. The moral of the story is to keep a watchful eye on wildlife exposure (even in the city – this happened in the suburbs), and if your pet is bitten by a wild animal, contact animal control for capture or save the body if it is killed, and take it in for the rabies test. This will save you the heartache and inconvenience of going through additional trauma with your companion.

Help for your aging animal companion

If your animal companion is getting up there in years, there are many things you can do to make her feel more comfortable with the benefit of extra quality time. You can set aside a few minutes each day to do a little meditation with her (consider adding relaxing music), then a few more minutes doing some mindful touching (TTouch or mild massage). Another nice thing to offer her is Reiki (a Japanese healing system utilizing energy fields), which will foster support to any area of her body that is in need. You may also want to evaluate the diet she is on and modify it with different choices or supplements. Of course she should have regular veterinary check-ups to stay on top of any issues. If she has issues that don't seem to improve with traditional treatments, you may want to contact a veterinarian that specializes in acupuncture, herbs, and/or chiropractic or homeopathic treatment options.

Feature Companion for this issue: Mouse



Mouse is a sweet little pug/terrier mix whose mother became ill shortly after her pups were born. The mother had been eating some of the “re-called” pet food, and passed the poisons through her milk to the puppies. Mouse, being the smallest of the litter, ended up with some neurological damage. She couldn’t hold her head up straight and it would wobble like a bobble-head doll. With special care from her new family and some TTouch, Mouse was able to gain strength in her neck. Now if you look at her you can’t tell she ever had a problem. Kudos to her family for being diligent working with her.



Announcements:

The video clip of the N2paws “KC Live” segment is finally on the website. Check it out on the News Page:

www.n2paws.com



N2paws is now offering some new and exciting natural herbal products for you and your pets. You can get more info from the Links Page: www.n2paws.com or by going to <http://n2paws.amazonherb.net/>

Just for Fun (Tip & Quote of the Month):

Be mindful of where you walk your dog (or let him run). Avoid hot pavement or use protective booties (we easily forget about crossing parking lots). Clean his paws when you have been in parks or neighbor’s grasses (due to lawn service pesticides). With the summer heat, dogs will often lick their paws and yeast may build up. You may wash your dog’s feet in a vinegar/water solution to kill yeast and help cool him down (1 part vinegar to 3 parts water).

“Not to hurt our humble brethren is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission – to be of service to them wherever they require it.” – Francis of Assisi

Upcoming Events for N2paws & other fun stuff

- Jul 12 – Doga Class, (one time intro) 6-7pm, Mission KS
- Jul 15 – Half-day, TTouch for Dogs workshop, Gladstone, MO
- Jul 19 – Doga Class, (one time intro) 6-7pm, Mission KS
- Aug 12 – Half-day, TTouch for Dogs workshop, Belton MO
- Aug 11 - Meowoga Class, Saturday 10–11:30am, Mission KS
- Aug 18 – Pet Fair & Dog Swim, 9am-1pm, Lenexa KS
- Aug 25 – Oct 6 - Doga Class, Saturdays 10–11am, Mission KS



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