



May / June 2007 Newsletter

Get Ready for Summer

With all the rain we have had, get ready for a heavy flea, tick, and mosquito season. To help your dog or cat through summer, prevention is the key. Monthly heartworm pills protect from that mosquito carrying burden. If you hesitate to use topical flea & tick products there are natural repellents that you can create or purchase. Natural products may contain ingredients such as neem, rosemary, citrus oil, tea tree oil, diatomaceous earth, etc. Another non-insecticide approach is to use apple cider vinegar by adding a capful to a bowl of drinking water, and if your dog or cat won't drink it then dilute the cider vinegar with water (50/50) to spray on the fur.

We are in the season of severe weather even though it seems we are a month behind the calendar these days. My heart goes out to those in Greensburg, Kansas, as it has for those who have weathered the hurricanes and tsunamis. Do you have a disaster plan for your pet, should you be caught in one? If not, it is a good idea to have some things in place just in case you would need it:



Disaster Planning Tips for your Pet:

1. Have a safe place to take your pet (remember animal shelters may be overburdened and pets are not allowed in Red Cross shelters)
 - a. Keep a list of pet friendly motels outside your vicinity where you can go
 - b. Ask a friend or relative in advance if they would keep your pet
 - c. Keep a list of boarding facilities outside your vicinity that you can contact
2. Assemble a portable pet disaster supply kit (place ID tags on all pet's belongings)
 - a. Travel carrier (occasionally practice getting your pet in one if they aren't used to it)
 - b. Leash, harness and/or collar (ensure an ID tag is on your pet at all times)
 - c. Food/water bowls and 2 week supply of food, (along with a can opener if needed)
 - d. Any medication your pet needs
 - e. Current pet photograph, vaccination records, & any special instructions
 - f. Blankets/bedding, grooming supplies
 - g. Litter box, newspapers and trash bags
 - h. Bottled water for yourself and pets
 - i. First aid kit (www.petfirstaid.org)
3. Know what to do when disaster strikes
 - a. Be on alert for warnings
 - b. Bring all pets in the house, so you won't be searching (as they may hide)
 - c. Check your supply kit (and add any last minute items)



Remember that your dog or cat may react differently under stress. Practicing your disaster plan is a good idea, so that you can quickly, safely, and more easily evacuate your pets when the time comes. It is always best to be prepared. You never know when you may have to deal with a tornado, house fire, or even a long power outage. For more information on disaster planning, contact The Humane Society of the United States, Disaster Services, 2100 L Street, Washington, DC 20037

Feature Companion for this issue: Spider



A group of kittens were rescued by Pet Connection last fall and one of them, a sweet little girl named Spider, has cerebellar hypoplasia (a condition where the brain is underdeveloped and there is a lack of motor function communication). This little girl would take 2 steps and fall over. She couldn't stand up well enough in the litter box to use it properly. With TTouch (and an Alpha-Stim treatment), she was able to start taking better steps and stay up on her feet longer. Over time, with her foster mom using the TTouch method, she is now walking across slick floors and going up and down steps! For a video clip you can visit www.n2paws.com and go to the N2paws News page.



Announcements:

I'm sure you have read and heard about all the pet food recalls. When I first heard it, I started to forward out the announcement to my newsletter distribution, but the announcements kept changing and then just kept coming. This is really a very sad situation. I have written about nutrition for KC Wellness magazine. My hope is that everyone will become more educated about type and quality of ingredients in pet food, then it becomes a matter of choosing which foods best fit your pet's health and lifestyle. To learn more about pet food diets, I have placed a couple of my articles on my website and you may also want to visit www.whole-dog-journal.com for more in-depth information on several quality brands.



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

Tip: To look for ticks, stroke with your fingertips through the fur (or do some TTouches), over your pet's entire body. To remove a tick, take a cotton ball and place a small amount of alcohol, mineral oil or Vaseline and hold it over the tick. The tick should back out in 30-60 seconds, where you can grab it and dispose of it. You may apply alcohol or Neosporin to the site of the bite.

Quote: "Dogs can hear octaves above what humans can, but they sure bark on our level."
- Phil Littman

Upcoming Events for N2paws & other fun stuff

- May 19 – Pooches on the Parkway (dog event), Blue Springs MO
- Jun 3 – Barks in the Park (dog event), Ironwood Park, south Leawood, KS
- Jun 7 – Evening TTouch for Dogs workshop, in Belton, MO
- Jun 10 – Dog-N-Jog (dog event), Country Club Plaza
- Jun 17 – Meowoga (kitty yoga) Class, Sunday 10am – 12pm, Mission KS
- Jun 24 – Half-day, TTouch for Dogs workshop, in Belton, MO
- Jun 21 – Jul 26 - Doga Class, Thursdays 6– 7pm, Mission KS
- Jun 23 – Jul 28 - Doga Class, Saturdays 10 – 11am, Mission KS
- Jul 15 – Half-day, TTouch for Dogs workshop, Gladstone MO



If you would like to learn more about TTouch, you may contact **N2paws** by email: pat@n2paws.com or 816-522-7005, for a private session, group workshop or a public speaking engagement for your club or organization. Also, visit our website www.n2paws.com, for interesting links and current workshop schedule.

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