

Humane Happenings



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HOT WEATHER TIPS FOR YOUR PET

Even the healthiest pets can suffer from dehydration, heat stroke and sunburn if overexposed to the heat. Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful to not over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.

Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool-not all dogs are good swimmers. Introduce your pets to water gradually and make sure they wear flotation devices when on boats. Rinse your dog off after swimming to remove chlorine or salt from his fur, and try to keep your dog from drinking pool water, which contains chlorine and other chemicals that could cause stomach upset.

Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. On a hot day, a parked car can become

a furnace in no time-even with the windows open-which could lead to fatal heat stroke.



When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog linger on

hot asphalt. Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.

Giving your dog a lightweight summer haircut helps prevent overheating. Shave down to a one-inch length, never to the skin, so your dog still has some protection from the sun.

Taking Fido to a backyard barbecue or party? Remember that the food and drink offered to guests may be poisonous to pets.

Our Mission:

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF CITRUS COUNTY FL INC IS A 501(C)3 CORPORATION DEDICATED TO THE PROTECTION OF ALL ANIMALS. IT IS OUR GOAL TO RESCUE AND FIND FOREVER HOMES FOR AS MANY ABANDONED, ABUSED PETS AS POSSIBLE AND TO TRY TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SPAY/NEUTER TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM OF THE OVER-POPULATION OF UNWANTED, ABUSED, ABANDONED PETS..

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**TOP BEHAVIORAL
PROBLEMS...**

- 1. Digging up your yard.**
- 2. Inappropriate chewing. Make sure he has plenty of chew toys.**
- 3. Begging at the table. Never give him food from the table.**
- 4. Not coming when called. Reward him when he does come so he knows he gets something good.**
- 5. Constant pulling on the leash. Keep the leash short and be consistent.**
- 6. Whining for attention. Ignore him, look the other way, leave the room.**
- 7. Jumping up. Don't greet him unless he sits when commanded. Greet him only when 4 feet are on the ground.**

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A Parting Prayer

Dear Lord, please open your gates and call St. Francis to come escort this beloved companion across the Rainbow Bridge.

Assign her to a place of honor, for she has been a faithful servant and has always done her best to please me.

Bless the hands that send her to you, for they are doing so in love and compassion, freeing her from pain and suffering.



Grant me the strength not to dwell on my loss.

Help me remember the details of her life with the love she has shown me.

And grant me the courage to honor her by sharing those memories with others.

Let her remember me as well and let her know that I will always love her. And when it's my time to pass over into your paradise, please allow her to accompany those who will bring me home.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of her companionship and for the time we've had together. And thank you, Lord, for granting me the strength to give her to you now.

Amen.

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RIP Sage. Lisa, we are so sorry for your loss.



SOME OF OUR HAPPYTAILS!



BECCA & GIZMO & NEW MOM & DAD



SISSY & NEW MOM & DAD



TACO & CHICO & NEW DAD



KATE & NEW FAMILY



BOGEY & NEW MOM



BELLA & NEW FAMILY



ANNALEE & NEW MOM



DANTE & NEW MOM



MAX & NEW FAMIY

THANKS TO OUR MAY/JUNE SUPPORTERS

- * Wayne & Geraldine Gangler
- * Genevieve Verdone
- * Margo Blum
- * Kathleen Phillips
- * Agnes Wolfe
- * Dan's Clam Stand
- * Joyce Santti
- * Sandra Knapp
- * George & Marion McConnell
- * Charles & Rebecca Wagner
- * Sally Ames
- * Una & Alex Burgos
- * Ardis & Eugene Hudson
- * Dana & Kendell Roberts In Memory of Kurt Woerner
- * Priscilla McBride In Memory of Cynthia Ahart
- * John & Patsy Clark In Memory of Cynthia Ahart
- * Mary Alexander
- * Jack & Marilyn Berg
- * Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill
- * Kay Balfour In Memory of Sage
- * George & Pamela Sweeney
- * Polly Downing
- * Rhonda Garden



Time For Spring Cleaning?

Many commercial cleaning products are loaded with chemicals that can be hazardous to your dog's health.

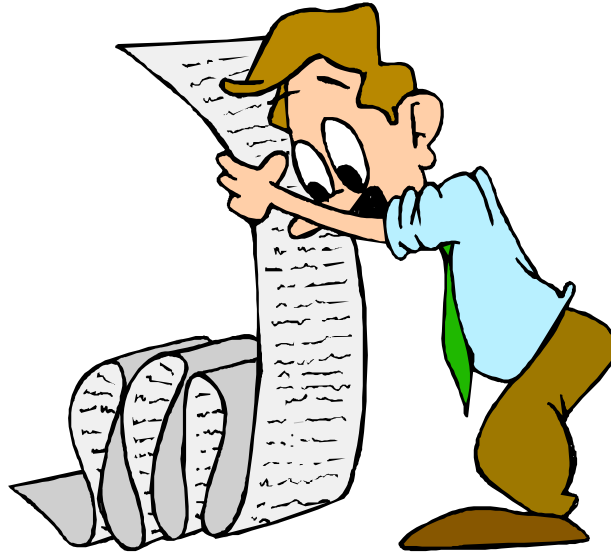
These potentially toxic ingredients may be a threat to your health, but they also can affect your dog. And your dog's body is far more sensitive than most people realize. A dog's sensitive body systems are irritated by a much smaller amount of chemicals than human systems are. So while a few spritzes of cleaner might be making your nose run, it might also be bothering your dog - but the effects are worse, and they happen faster. Chemicals build up in your and your pet's body over time too. A dose of chemicals that might take years to impact your health might affect your pet's health in only months. Many toxic chemicals are easily absorbed through skin, paws, and the lungs. When your dog walks on the floor, licks a wall or window, or sniffs a carpet, any chemicals present can find their way into your pet's body with ease.

How can you tell what's safe and what's not? The secret's in the label. Manufacturers are not required to list potentially dangerous ingredients on product labels. Doing so is purely voluntary. Although most cleaning products won't list inactive ingredients, they do have to contain a warning label if it contains ingredients which are proven to be hazardous. The labels will use "signal" words like "Danger", "Warning", or "Caution" to indicate just how toxic the product is. Products labeled "Danger" or "Poison" are typically the most hazardous. Those labeled "Warning" are moderately hazardous and those with a "Caution" label are considered slightly toxic. For the safety of your dog and other pets (and children, of course), choose products that are nontoxic enough to not require ANY of the signal words on the label. That's the only way you can be assured that your pet won't be poisoned through skin or paw contact, or through their tongue or lungs.

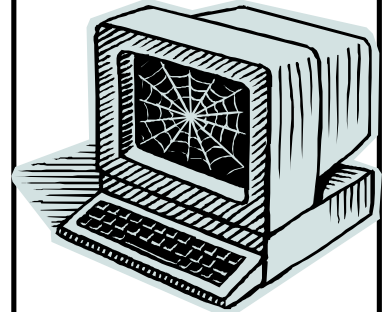
WISH LIST

Items we always need:

- ◆ Pedigree dry dog food
- ◆ Canned dog food
- ◆ Grocery store gift cards
- ◆ Bleach
- ◆ Cat/dog toys
- ◆ Dryer sheets
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Large garbage bags
- ◆ Laundry detergent
- ◆ Postage stamps
- ◆ Dish soap



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**IMPORTANT:
August 21—National
Homeless Animals
Day**



Looking For Their Forever Homes



IM HOLLY



AMIGO



FANNY



MOCHA



LEVI



JACK



RUBY



SKIPPY

The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil but because of those who look on and do nothing.

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PETS ADOPTION
CENTER**

DOGGIE DAYCARE

Don't forget. If you plan to take a vacation or be away from home and your best friend cannot accompany you, give us a call. We have the best home away from home for your pets. They won't feel deserted and you will have peace of mind, knowing they are receiving the best of care.

REMINDER

The Humane Society of Citrus County FL Inc. receives no funding from any State or Local agency or from the Humane Society of the United States. That's why local donations are so important to the continued success of our Mission. Thanks for your support.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"Breed a Pointer with an Irish Setter, you get a Pointsetter. A traditional Christmas Pet."

Good Dog! magazine



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