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Summer Is Here! Tips for you and Your Animals

The other day I noticed a woman and her dog crossing the parking lot at Home Depot. She paused to greet someone and I was aware of how hot her dog's feet were standing on the asphalt. I touched the surface and it was extremely hot! I realized standing there in my rubber soled shoes feeling no pain just how different it is for our barefooted friends. We all love taking our animal friends with us whenever we can and the summer requires extra consideration. Here are a few pointers put out by PETA.

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- Think about it this way...your dog is wearing a fur coat in the middle of summer! Think before you take them jogging and be aware if they seem overheated.
- Remember...they are walking on hot asphalt as you cross the road or parking lot. Would you want to walk on that sizzling asphalt barefooted? Their feet can be burned, too. Surface temperatures on concrete and black asphalt far exceed the ambient temperatures.
- Consider trimming heavy coated dogs. It is recommended that you leave hair 1 inch long to protect from sunburn and insects.
- Do not leave your dog in a parked car! Even a quick errand can turn into a long wait in a line and meanwhile your dog could die. On a 73 degree day, the temperature inside a car can reach 120 degrees within 30 minutes. On a 90 degree day, the interior of a car can reach 160 degrees in several minutes.



****If you notice a dog in a car that is panting excessively, drooling, or wobbling; take the car license and description into the store and have the person paged. (A friend of mine did that recently and the person was very grateful! It seems he had forgotten the dog was sleeping in the back seat of the car and would not have returned in time to save her.) Don't be shy, get help for the dog! Symptoms of heat exhaustion are: restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, and lethargy, lack of appetite, dark tongue, rapid heartbeat, fever, vomiting, or lack of coordination. If you notice these get your dog into a cooler setting and contact your veterinarian. ****

Upcoming Events - Go to www.animalsmith.com for details

Fall Events--dates pending
Charlotte, NC Level 2
St Simons Island, GA level 1
Asheville, NC level 1 & 2

Spring 2009
Durango, Colorado level 1
Asheville, NC level 1
St Simons, GA level 2

If you are interested and would like to be informed when the dates are established, please email me and I'll get back to you w/ the dates.

Rabies Alert

Be sure you know the laws about rabies vaccination in the state you are living in. Especially if you reside in two states and move back and forth with your animals. Two different clients of mine had perfectly healthy, family dogs taken from them and put down because of state laws. Some states don't care if your dog is current on the vaccines from another state. This is a tragic situation if your dog comes in contact with a raccoon, possum or other potentially rabid animal. In North Carolina, for example, a resident dog, up to date on vaccinations, who has an encounter with a rabid animal has only 72 hours to get a booster or they will be put down. This is state law and your vet may not have a choice. If you travel out of state with your pet, or hike in wild areas in your own state, double check the law on vaccinations. The information could save everyone a great deal of heart ache.

Feel free to forward this newsletter on to anyone whom you feel would enjoy it!

Some uses for animal communication are...

- addressing behavioral problems
 - checking on health issues
 - discussing upcoming changes in your animal's life
 - introducing a new animal
 - discussing end of life decisions
 - learning about a rescued animal's history
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How can I prepare my animal for a visit to the vet?

Imagine being a cat and suddenly your person sneaks up on you, grabs you and stuffs you into a carrier. You feel trapped! This carrier seldom means you are heading for a good experience. It's no wonder our animals get anxious going to the vet. They are transported somewhere and have no idea what to expect.

How would you feel?

Next time you have a visit planned, give them a little notice. Tell them, "Tomorrow we are going to visit Dr Cheek." Then tell them what to expect in words that create pictures. "We'll go in the car, so I'll have to put you in the carrier for safety. We'll wait in the Dr's waiting room and then go into a little room. You'll get out of the carrier and he will listen to your heart, look in your ears and see if you need any medicine for the coming year."

"After the visit, we'll come back home together." (If they have to stay, tell them that you will be back tomorrow to pick them up.) After the visit, briefly go over the vet findings, " He said you are very healthy!" Or, "He said you'll need these drops to make your ears feel better". Be sure to compliment them on their behavior. Be specific."Good Dog!" doesn't relay as much info as "You did a great job! You stayed calm and let the doctor look into that sensitive ear."

It only takes a moment to inform them about what's about to happen in their lives. The communication generates a higher level of trust between the two of you.



Schedule an Appointment Online!

Just go to my site - www.animalsmith.com, and click on the "Schedule Your Appointment" link, and make your selection of a time that works for you.

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