



U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
LAFAYETTE, IN  
PERMIT # 488 ZIP  
CODE 47905

**In this Issue**  
Fireworks  
Picnic Dangers  
Pets and Sunburns  
Dangers of Sharing Preventions  
Socializing your puppy  
New Product



*Summer  
2018*

Or Current Resident



Find us online!

Don't forget  
to download  
our app



Wildcat Bridge construction starting in June -  
plan your drive time accordingly.



### Firework Fun. Not Necessarily!

In addition to being scary for most dogs, there are health dangers as well. First is getting burnt by a lit explosive; the most common areas are face, muzzle, lips, tongue, and paw pads. Fireworks also contain a variety of heavy metals that are used to create colors, but can cause poisoning if ingested; look for vomiting, lethargy, diarrhea, jaundice, tremors, and seizures. In both situations, immediate veterinary care is indicated. Treatment is based on clinical signs and severity of injury. We know it is fun to have your furry family member out enjoying the festivities with you, but due to these dangers, we highly recommend leaving your pet at home while you are watching or setting off fireworks. For noise phobias, ask us about Sileo; it calms without sedation.



### Sharing isn't always Caring



Fleas and ticks carry bacteria and parasites that can cause some serious health problems. Pet owners must use caution though, as dog and cat prevention products are not created equal. Many dog products contain Permethrin which is toxic to cats. These items are marked with warnings that they are for dogs only, but the notation may be small or hard to find on the box. A few safety tips:

- Store your dog & cat products in different locations to avoid accidentally grabbing the wrong product off the shelf.
- Never split a single dose prevention to use on multiple pets or between your dog and cat. In addition to toxicity concerns, the dosing will likely be incorrect and your pets may not be protected.



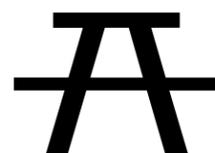
If you have any questions regarding products, give us a call; we'll be happy to help, even if you've purchased the product elsewhere. Keep in mind, only products purchased through a veterinarian carry a product guarantee.

## Can Pets get Sunburned?

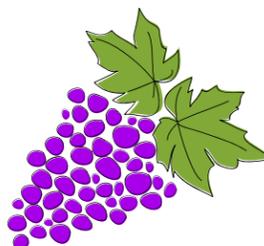
The simple answer is YES! While it doesn't happen very often, white, light-colored, or thin-coated pets can get sunburn. As with humans, too much sun has the potential to cause skin cancer. Of course, the best way to avoid sunburn is by staying out of the sun during the hottest part of the day.

Another way to protect your pet from feeling the burn is to apply sunscreen to the sensitive areas - nose, ear tips, skin around the mouth, belly, and any other thin haired area that may be exposed. Be sure that your sunscreen is fragrance free, SPF>15 and has NO zinc oxide which is toxic if a pet ingests it.

Enjoy your summer with your pet! If a sunburn should happen, cold compresses and 100% aloe applied to the skin feels as good for your pet as it does for you!



## Picnic Food Dangers



Who doesn't love a good picnic??? While we don't necessarily advise leaving "Fido" at home during your feasting activities - we caution you to be aware of some foods that can cause serious issues if eaten.

- **Grapes and Raisins** which are often found in salads or as a cold treat can cause kidney failure. Pets may, but not always, begin vomiting, lethargy, and having increased urination and thirst.
- **Corn cobs** are not toxic, but do pose significant concern for becoming stuck in the throat or intestinal tract.
- **Meat scraps and drippings** are the most problematic due to the amount of grease that is ingested. This can cause pancreatitis which is not only painful, but can be life-threatening if not addressed in a timely manner.

If your pet develops any of the mentioned signs, seek medical care immediately.

## Puppy Socialization

One of the best things you can do for your puppy is to acclimate them to a variety of circumstances. Puppies learn and develop a large part of their adult personality by 16 weeks of age. Positive and negative associations experienced during this time will affect them long term. As long as your puppy up to date with the vaccines and preventatives, we recommend getting your puppy out and having appropriate learning experiences. Avoid areas that there may be unvaccinated dogs. Be sure to handle your puppy all over. Touch their ears, tails, toes, mouth, etc. Get them used to wearing "clothing" if this is something you plan on them doing when they are older. Make noises around your puppy. They may startle at first, but correct desensitization to noises will be very beneficial later. Have adventures; Go new places and see new thing and meet new people! Ask us if you have any question whether a location is safe for your puppy. You will thank yourself later for taking the time to properly socialize your puppy.

Credelio - a new tasty chewable tablet that fights fleas and ticks for dogs over 8 weeks old and more than 4.4 pounds. We are excited to bring this product into our practice. Ask us for more information!



## Handling the Heat



Both cats and dogs tend to eat less in the warmer weather from June to August. While this may be a bit alarming, water consumption is a more important factor to monitor. Always provide the availability of fresh water. A bowl of water that is frozen can be set out in the morning and provide fresh water as it melts. Another idea is to put some icecubes into a bowl of water; some dogs really like this treat! Make sure to remove any unhealthy water sources such as toilet water, leftover cups of human beverages, stagnant puddles of water or chlorinated swimming pools. Help your pets drink up and stay hydrated!