

Pet Chat

SUMMER 2007



Office Closed: The office will be closed on the below dates. If you have visits scheduled, please be sure you have the mobile number of the pet sitter caring for your pets.

July 7th, and 8th, 21st, and 22nd
 August 10th, 11th, 12th, 24th, 25th, 26th
 September 8th through 15th

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Bushy Run Kennel Club Dog Show

June 30th and July 1st
 Northmoreland Park
 Vandergrift, PA
 Showing begins early

Pittsburgh Pet Expo

David L. Lawrence Convention Center
 October 13th - 10am-6pm
 October 14th - 11am-5pm
www.pittsburghpetexpo.com

Summer Tips

By Ray Hoover

Hot Spots. They appear anywhere on a dog's body and can rapidly spread. This moist, raw skin disorder has a variety of causes but the most consistent factor is bacteria, and most respond to oral and topical antibiotics. Anything that irritates or breaks the skin can create the environment for bacterial contamination if the skin has moisture on it. Moisture can be from a bath, swimming, rain, rolling in wet grass or even from a small wet sore.

Watch for these sores and groom your dog well. Any dog that has a matted, dirty hair coat is at greater risk of developing hot spots. Having your dog shaved in the summer helps prevent the coat from covering any dampness on the skin, which helps to prevent growth of bacteria.

- ◆ Apply sun block designed for pets. If your pet does get sunburned, please consult your vet.
- ◆ Never leave your pet alone in a vehicle.
- ◆ Always have cold water available for your pet.
- ◆ Don't exercise your pet after a meal in hot, humid weather.
- ◆ Don't leave your dog standing on hot asphalt. His body can heat up quickly and his sensitive paw pads can burn.
- ◆ When taking an animal to the beach, provide shade and plenty of fresh water. Rinse him off after he has been in salt water.
- ◆ To prevent escape and/or accidental falls, make sure all windows in your home are properly screened.

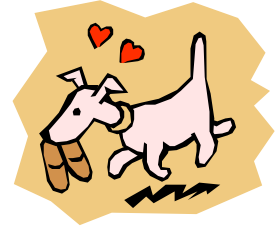
Have a happy and safe summer!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Puppy and Obedience Classes on Hiatus

As you may know, our wonderful dog trainer, Jess Silliman, is expecting her first baby at the beginning of August, so our Puppy and Basic Obedience classes will not be held the months of August and September. They will resume on October 3rd.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in attending when they resume, please call us at 724-334-1570 or email Jess at dogtrainer@yourcrittersitters.com. We will be happy to answer any questions and get you and your furry child scheduled.



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