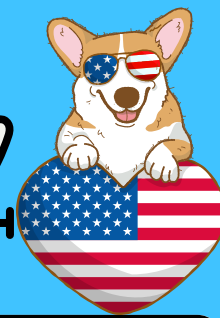


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HAPPY
4th of
July



Celebrate with us!

- National Pet Hydration Awareness Month
- July 1: National ID Your Pet Day
- July 7: National Koi Day
- July 10: National Kitten Day
- July 11: All-American Pet Photo Day
- July 15: I Love Horses Day
- July 15: National Pet Fire Safety Day
- July 16: World Snake Day
- July 21: National Craft for Your Local Shelters Day
- July 26: National Dog Photography Day
- July 31: National Mutt Day



Reminders:

Please don't forget to return your borrowed e-collars, cones, and surgical shirts! Returning these items aids in cost reduction.

We will be closed July 4th.

DOG BREED OF THE MONTH: AMERICAN FOXHOUND

The American Foxhound was a favorite of George Washington, who maintained a pack and a breeding program. Using their nose to track or hunt is the breed's forte. Forget obedience (aside from house manners) - way too boring! Blood-pumping exercise is a must for the American Foxhound. If you don't provide it, she's liable to provide her own, and it might not be in a way that wins your approval. Foxhounds bay when on the hunt, a sound called beautiful by admirers - but possibly called annoying by close neighbors.

BBQS, FIREWORKS & FURRY FRIENDS TIPS TO KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY!



Food Safety

Keep pets away from Any grills or fire pits that are in use or still hot



Dispose of grease and charcoal properly and away from pet



Do not feed scraps - Beware of corncobs, bones, fatty meats, onions, grapes, chocolate, etc.

Secure trash, and let guests know to be mindful of their food + leftovers



Be mindful of skewers or any other food debris that could be dangerous to your pet



Fireworks & Parades

Many pets escape during this time. ensure; your pet is microchipped and tagged with your information



If your pet is afraid of fireworks, ensure they are in a secure, quiet area in your home during this time



If your pet needs calming medication for this holiday, please call your veterinarian asap!



If possible, leave your pet at home! Many pets get stressed or anxious in large crowds

Pool Parties & More

Consider outfitting your pet with a pet-safe life jacket if they are swimming. Never allow your pet near a body of water unsupervised.



Be mindful of sun exposure, our furry friends are sensitive to the sun too! consider using dog-safe sunscreen or limiting time in the sun



Always monitor your pets around any body of water! Not all pets can swim



Know the signs of fatigue! heavy panting, swimming slower/lower than usual, trembling



Be Prepared!

If your pet is microchipped, make sure your contact information is up to date



Refill any medications or prescription food before the holiday weekend



Be aware of emergency animal clinics near you in case of a medical emergency

Make sure your pet is up to date on vaccines if boarding for the holiday



TRAVELING WITH PETS?

Tips and Things to Keep in Mind

GENERAL TIPS



- Consider calming meds for travel if needed.
- Create a list of travel supplies for your pet
 - Food/water, litter/waste bags, travel litter box, beds, harnesses, chronic medications, etc.
- Ensure your pet always has a collar & tag with your contact information
- Be sure to get a carrier your pet can comfortably sit, stand, and turn around in
- Make sure your pet is up-to-date on flea/tick and heartworm prevention - especially if going outdoors

IMPORTANT!
MAKE SURE YOUR PET IS COMFORTABLE IN THEIR CARRIER, CHECKING FOR APPROPRIATE SIZING



FLIGHTS



- Check with your airline regarding pet policies, fees, health certificates, vaccines
- Avoid interactions with strangers & your pet to minimize stress
- Be sure your carrier is airline-compliant
- Label all medications and foods and store them in clear bags
- Wet food **must** be 3.4 oz or less in carry on bags
- Consider covering carrier to make pet more comfortable
- If travelling internationally, be sure to research in advance specific pet requirements for the country you are visiting
- **TSA will ask you to remove your pet from their carrier during security checks.** Consider bringing a harness if your pet is hard to carry, or ask to be searched in a private room

ROAD TRIPS



- Keep pet in carrier/crate/harness at all times during transport
- Keep windows closed - pets, especially cats, can escape easily
- Consider using a crash tested carrier for safety and anchor carrier to seat
- Consider working on car desensitization prior to trip
- Never leave your pet unattended in vehicle, especially during warm weather





Tootsie Roll Pups

These are the Tootsie Roll puppies. There are 4 boys and 3 girls. They all look similar. While the DNA test showed their mother is a German shepherd mix, she is short and long legged and would be guessed to be a dachshund or corgi mix. She weighs around 30 lbs. We have no idea what the father of the pups is. The pups will just be lovable, mixed breed, rescue puppies.

Ruby's Rescue and Retreat, Inc.



Reed Trimmer

Introducing Reed Timmer! The Extreme Meteorologist! Reed Timmer is believed to have been dumped in rural Dewitt county! After running for five days, he was finally able to be caught just before tornado warned storms hit the area!

Reed is a loving guy who can be a bit wary of strangers at first. When he realizes you aren't going to hurt him, he settles right in and demands all the love you have to give!

He seems like he would do well with other dogs, but a meet and greet is always recommended! He does great at keeping his kennel clean, and walks well on a leash!

DeWitt County Animal Shelter

SHELTER DOGS

Of the month



Bocephus

Bocephus came to us as an unclaimed stray. This big cuddly dog is full of energy and eager to find a family to snuggle and play with. He tends to be reactive to other dogs passing by his kennel so he would thrive best in a home without other pets. Bocephus is quite tidy in his space and can often be spotted curled up on his cot, peacefully snoozing away. He has earned the reputation of being a ladies man and is not very fond of men.

Bocephus is his name and fetch is his game, swiftly followed by a nap! Another hobby of his is smooching his face against his window so he can be nose-y and see what everyone is doing.

Rescued Heart Animal Shelter, Pekin, IL

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SHELTER CATS

Of the month



Marge

6y, DSH

Meet Marge: the Queen-sized Diva, looking for a personal assistant. Marge is a curvy, laid-back cat who loves sunbathing, snacks, and being pampered. She needs a little help with grooming due to her full figure, so she's looking for a human to assist with regular brushing. In return, she offers judgmental stares, the occasional affectionate headbutt, and lots of laughs. Equal parts loving and dramatic, Marge is ready to grace your lap with her fabulous presence.

Clover's Cat Club



Maizie

Maizie is the purrrrrriest girl! She is so loving and quiet. She's looking for a forever lap to curl up on. She is spayed, up to date on vaccinations, and microchipped! Call us at 217-737-4042

Humane Society of Logan County



Thyme

Hi, I'm Thyme! I'm an 8-month-old male brown tabby shorthair. I'm a sassy boy who enjoys hide and seek, and I can coexist with other cats peacefully. My adoption fee is \$140.

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