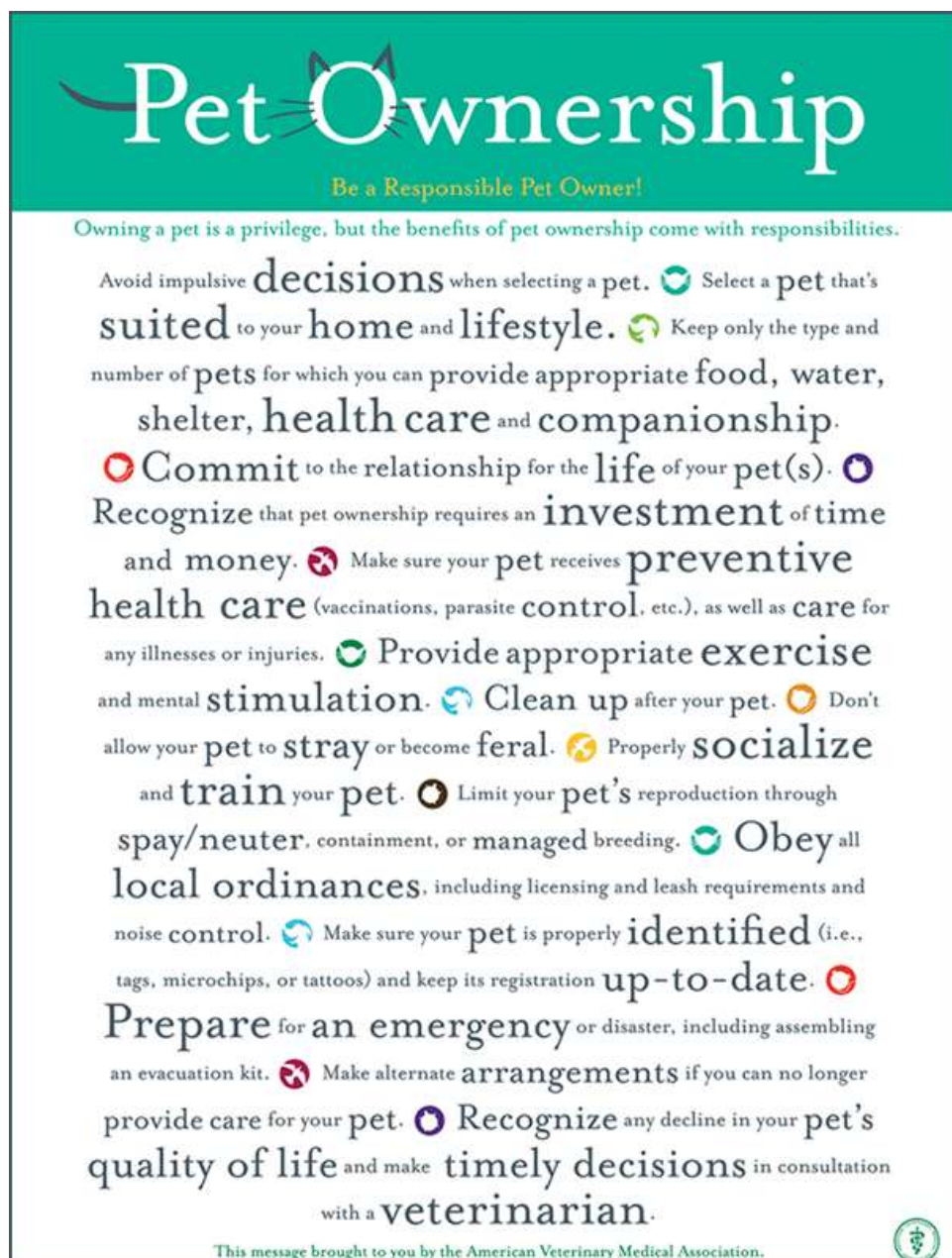


National Pet Week

National Pet Week is May 7th through the 13th and in honor of this week and our pets we have put together some information about pets and pet ownership.




Pet Ownership

Be a Responsible Pet Owner!

Owning a pet is a privilege, but the benefits of pet ownership come with responsibilities.

- Avoid impulsive **decisions** when selecting a pet. 🐾 Select a pet that's **suited** to your **home** and **lifestyle**. 🐾 Keep only the type and number of **pets** for which you can provide appropriate food, water, **shelter**, **health care** and **companionship**.
- 🚫 **Commit** to the relationship for the **life** of your pet(s). 🐾
- Recognize that pet ownership requires an **investment** of time and money. 🚫 Make sure your pet receives **preventive health care** (vaccinations, parasite control, etc.), as well as care for any illnesses or injuries. 🐾
- 🐾 Provide appropriate **exercise** and mental **stimulation**. 🐾 Clean up after your pet. 🚫 Don't allow your pet to **stray** or become **feral**. 🐾 Properly **socialize** and **train** your pet. 🚫 Limit your pet's reproduction through **spay/neuter**, containment, or **managed breeding**. 🐾
- 🐾 Obey all **local ordinances**, including licensing and leash requirements and noise control. 🐾 Make sure your pet is properly **identified** (i.e., tags, microchips, or tattoos) and keep its registration **up-to-date**. 🚫
- 🐾 Prepare for an **emergency** or disaster, including assembling an evacuation kit. 🚫 Make alternate **arrangements** if you can no longer provide care for your pet. 🐾
- 🐾 Recognize any decline in your pet's **quality of life** and make **timely decisions** in consultation with a **veterinarian**.

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Caring for Pets in Hot Weather

Why ?

Main method of ridding heat in cats and dogs is by panting.

Dogs and cats sweat only through their pads and feet.

Overheating may happen in pets because of breed, illness, age and circumstance.

Who is most at risk ?

Pets who have survived an episode of heatstroke

Elderly Pets.

Pets confined to cars and carriers.

Dogs and cats with short and wide faces

Dogs with heart or breathing conditions.

Pets without access to water or shade.

Overweight Pets.

During Warmer Seasons

Never leave your pet in your car, even in the shade with the windows cracked or in a stuffy room.

Use air conditioners to keep environment cool or fans to increase air circulation.

Walks should be at dawn and dusk (before 8am and after 6pm). Limit walks during the middle of the day.

Have ready access to cool, fresh water. Take a bottle of water with you when walking your pet. Leave an extra bowl of water in case one gets knocked over.

Signs of Heatstroke

- Confusion, anxious or dazed expression
- Warm to touch, Seizures
- Diarrhea
- Increased rectal temp.
- Collapsing, stumbling, falling down
- Laying down and reluctant to get up
- Start salivating and whining
- Heavy Panting, Vomiting.
- Brick red gums
- Increased Heart Rate

Hot Asphalt Test

Press the back of your hand firmly against the asphalt you plan to walk your pet on for 7 seconds to verify it will be comfortable for your dog.

Heatstroke leads to

- Brain damage
- Kidney damage or failure
- Muscle damage
- Liver failure
- Bleeding/clotting
- Lung damage
- Bloody diarrhea
- Seizures
- Death

What to do if you suspect your pet is overheated





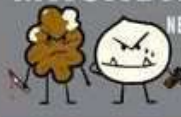








Spend no more than 5 minutes wetting down your pet all over with cool water (use hose, bucket, bath tub).

Do not delay seeking treatment. Do not take a 'wait and see approach'. Contact MetroVet at 312-583-1921 to let us know you are on your way.

Treatment at MetroVet will include IV fluids, plasma, oxygen and checking blood/urine tests to determine if organ damage has occurred.

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ALCOHOL  COMA DEATH INTOXICATION	AVOCADO  CONTAINS PERSIN: VOMITING DIARRHEA	RAISINS CURRANTS  KIDNEY FAILURE
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DAIRY  TOO MUCH: DIARRHEA	<i>The world's</i> MOST DANGEROUS FOODS FOR DOGS	GRAPES  KIDNEY FAILURE
MUSHROOMS  SOME VARIETIES: SHOCK DEATH		FATTY FOODS  TOO MUCH: PANCREATITIS
CAFFEINE  VOMITING DIARRHEA TOXIC TO HEART & NERVOUS SYSTEM	XYLITOL  (GUM, CANDY ETC.) LIVER FAILURE HYPOGLYCEMIA DEATH	CHOCOLATE  TOXIC TO HEART & NERVOUS SYSTEM DEATH
MEDICATIONS  (TYLENOL, ADVIL ETC.) KIDNEY FAILURE GI ULCERS	If you think your dog ate something dangerous, CALL YOUR VET or: ASPCA POISON CONTROL HOTLINE (888) 426-4436 NATIONAL PET POISON HELPLINE (800) 213-6680 illustration by LILI CHIN layout by DESIGN LAB CREATIVE STUDIO	

If you have any questions about National Pet Week or any of this information please contact Cedar Grove Veterinary Clinic at (920) 668-6212 or email us at info@cgvet.com. Please stop in during National Pet Week to celebrate with us. There will be daily drawings, games, treats and toys for your pets.

