



TIPS ON KEEPING YOUR FURRY FRIENDS SAFE THIS SUMMER WHEN TRAVELING

The first rule of the road when traveling with pets this summer: never leave them in the car “just for a minute” — not even to get directions or to grab a quick latté.

Temperatures inside a vehicle can reach 120 degrees in a matter of minutes, even if you're parked in the shade, warns the Humane Society of America. Dogs and cats don't perspire as people do and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet.

Consequently, they don't stand a chance in a hot enclosed vehicle, and will undoubtedly suffer from heat exhaustion, heat stroke or brain damage — and the consequences can be fatal.

Even inside an air-conditioned car, make sure that your pet has easy access to water at all times. Spill-proof GoTo Bowls are perfect, and fit onto the console of a car or SUV — or you can simply fill a collapsible travel bowl with ice cubes that they can lick to keep well hydrated.

Unrestrained pets in a vehicle are considered the third worst driving distraction — more than cell phones — says the Automobile Association of America. It's also illegal to travel with unrestrained pets in open pick-up trucks. Not only should pets be restrained in a vehicle, but like small children, they are safer in the back seat.

Hot sand and sidewalks can be damaging to paw pads. If you can't avoid such areas, consider ergonomically designed footwear for your pooch. And add paw balm to your list of toiletries to keep them soft and prevent cracking.

After an outing, be sure to give your pet a quick shower. Salt water can cause itchy skin, and be sure to check for ticks and stones and debris caught between the toes.

Believe it or not, dogs and cats can get skin cancer. Most pet-specific products usually come with an SPF (sun protection factor) of 15. You can also use a standard zinc-based sunscreen for people that protects against both UVB and UVA radiation. Choose one with a minimum SPF of 30 (if not higher), and apply to the areas that need the most protection — inside tips of the ears, the nose, paw pads.

Hitting the road for vacation? A pet that goes missing out of its territory is truly lost. Make sure your pets ID tag has correct information including a cell phone number. Proper identification is your lost pet's ticket home.

Happy, safe summer travels!



**AVAILABLE!!!!
UV PROTECTION FOR YOUR DOGS!!**

PET OF THE MONTH



Meet Scout! Scout is a beautiful calico who is already spayed and up to date with her shots. She is approximately 5 years old. Scout recently had surgery to have a few teeth removed. She has a dynamic attitude along with her enticing character. Scout has been at TCHS for a year and she would love to please your family! Given the satisfaction of a comfy home, Scout would be smiling from head to paw!

The Mothers Day Buffet (sponsored by TCHS and the Medford Area Middle School Animal Activist Group) was a sensation! Money raised from this event was over \$1,400!! A huge applause go out to all the volunteers who donated their time to make this such a spectacular success!!!

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING IS JULY 13TH @ 5:30 AT THE LIBRARY.

Saving one animal may not change the world...but surely, for that one animal, the world will change forever!



UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY~JULY 31ST "CRITTER CRUIZ"

This event is sponsored by FSMC. \$10 per rider includes meal, raffles, music and plenty of Tail Waggin Fun! Anything with wheels welcome! Registration is 11am @ Free Spirit Motorcycle Club House (Hwy 13). Ride leaves at noon. For more information, call Deb @ 965-0152.

SATURDAY~AUGUST 7TH 2ND ANNUAL NEUTER CLASSIC

This event is sponsored by TCHS and is held at the Black River Golf Course. \$40 per person includes green fees, cart, food, raffles and prizes. 9 holes/4 person teams/scramble. Shotgun start @4pm. Volunteers are needed with hole games, selling tickets, etc. Please contact MeLinda to sign up, volunteer or need more information. 965-2268.

MEDFORD AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL ANIMAL ACTIVIST ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR

~Students have donated nearly 20 hours of their time volunteering at TCHS
~Each student chose an animal to sponsor. Students and their animals were featured in animals books that they helped distribute around the community
~Raised awareness about homeless animals in Taylor County by making flyers, poster and advertising for TCHS on the radio
~Volunteered recesses to make decorations
~Made over 200 "happy socks" for the cats/kittens
ALL SALES DONATED TO TCHS
~Sold "smencils" to raise almost \$800
~Made and sold puppy chow to raise \$250
~Sold bracelets to raise \$43
~Collected and had used electronics recycled to raise \$12.50
~Participated in an engraving fund raiser to raise \$600
~Made homemade cat & dog treats to raise over \$100
~Volunteered and hosted Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet to raise over \$1,400
TCHS would gratefully like to thank this fine, impressive group of young students. The achievements they have made for TCHS are phenomenal. Our hearts (and the animals) are filled with everlasting gratitude! **THANK YOU!**