

Spring Outdoor Toxicities

In spring, our pets may be at risk of exposure to potentially toxic plants commonly found in our surroundings. While these plants enhance the beauty of our gardens, they can harbor hidden dangers for curious cats and dogs. Lilies, for instance, are highly toxic to cats and can cause severe kidney damage even in small amounts. Azaleas, daffodils, tulips, and oleander are known for their toxic properties that can lead to symptoms like vomiting, diarrhea, and in severe cases, heart and respiratory issues. Sago palms, a popular ornamental plant, can be fatal if ingested by pets, causing liver failure and neurological symptoms. Therefore, it is essential for pet owners to familiarize themselves with the plants that are toxic to their furry companions and take measures to prevent them from accessing or ingesting these hazardous plants.

It's not only the plants themselves that pose a threat but also certain types of mulch that are commonly used in gardens. Cocoa mulch, for example, is made from cocoa bean hulls and carries a risk of toxicity for pets if ingested. Theobromine, a compound found in cocoa mulch and chocolate, is toxic to dogs and cats and can result in symptoms like vomiting, tremors, and even seizures. For pet owners who use mulch in their gardens, it's crucial to opt for pet-safe alternatives that do not contain harmful substances. In the event of suspected plant or mulch ingestion, prompt veterinary attention is crucial to reduce the effects of toxicity and provide necessary treatment for the affected pet. By being proactive in identifying and removing potential hazards from their surroundings, pet owners can create a safe environment for their furry companions to enjoy the spring season without the risk of plant-related toxicity.



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Pet Insurance

Investing in pet insurance is an important decision for any pet parent. By having the right coverage in place, you can avoid the financial burden of unexpected vet bills and ensure that your furry friend receives prompt medical attention when needed.

Plus, with the help of "pawlicy" advisor at pawlicy.com, you can compare companies and customize plans that fit your budget and your pet's unique requirements. Don't wait until it's too late - take the proactive step today to safeguard your pet's well-being with the right insurance policy. Your pet will thank you with endless love and tail wags!



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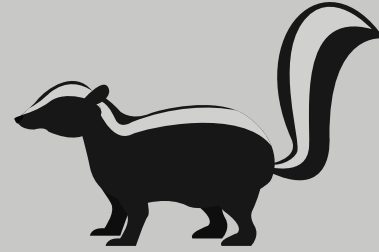
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Skunk De-Funk

We are delighted to provide an alternative solution to alleviate skunk odor, aside from using a tomato juice bath and waiting for time to pass. With simple household ingredients, this home remedy is easy to create and effectively neutralizes the skunk smell. While we cannot guarantee the complete removal of the odor, our clients have given positive feedback about this remedy.

The recipe comprises:

- 1 quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide
- ¼ cup of baking soda
- 1 teaspoon of liquid soap (Dawn dish soap has proven to be the most effective)



The soap aids in breaking down the skunk spray's oils, enabling the other ingredients to neutralize the odor. To safeguard your pet's eyes, follow standard bathing procedures. Wet the fur, apply the mixture, and let it sit for 10-15 minutes or longer. Afterward, rinse the solution off with tap water, avoiding contact with the eyes and mouth.

In case your pet's eyes are irritated by the spray, rinse them with plain saline eye wash. If excessive salivation occurs, offer a small amount of bread. Feel free to contact our office if you have any further questions or concerns regarding your pet.

New Advances in Feline Diabetes

Traditionally, feline diabetes management involved twice-daily injectable insulin. However, two new products have recently entered the market to assist our feline companions in regulating their blood glucose levels.

- Bexacat offers a once-daily tablet option as an alternative to insulin for managing feline diabetes. It works by decreasing blood sugar levels through enhanced glucose excretion in urine, resulting in efficient glycemic control.
- Senvelgo is a once-daily liquid oral solution that can be administered with a small amount of food or directly into the cat's mouth. It addresses the clinical symptoms associated with diabetes in cats by lowering elevated blood glucose levels and reducing the likelihood of hypoglycemic events.

These innovative treatments now provide cats with diabetes the opportunity to effectively manage their blood sugar levels in a manner that aligns with both their and your unique preferences and requirements.



Pyometra

Pyometra is a serious condition that can quickly escalate and become life-threatening if left untreated. The infection causes the uterus to become inflamed and filled with pus, leading to systemic illness and potential complications like sepsis. Treatment typically involves emergency surgery to remove the infected uterus, along with antibiotics and supportive care. However, surgery is not always an option for every dog, especially if the condition is advanced. This is why prevention through spaying is crucial to avoid the risks and consequences associated with pyometra, ultimately ensuring the well-being and longevity of our beloved companions.

Additionally, spaying is important to prevent reproductive issues like mammary cancer and uterine tumors as well as help control the pet population, reduce the number of animals in shelters, and eliminate unwanted behaviors related to heat cycles.

Prevention Reminder

While we do recommend year round heartworm, flea, and tick prevention, some owners do choose to not give it in the winter months. Keep in mind that these past couple years, the weather truly has not gotten cold enough for long enough to kill off these parasites.

This being said - if you had stopped prevention over the winter and have not restarted it - please do so immediately. Give us a call or message through the app if you are needing a refill!



Announcing...

We are excited to offer our clients access to advanced orthopedic surgeries with Board Certified Surgeon, Dr. Martin. This collaboration means that we can provide specialized care and procedures right here in our own clinic, eliminating the need to refer patients to specialists at Purdue or down near Indianapolis. By having Dr. Martin on-site, our team can ensure your pet receives high-quality treatment and personalized attention from a skilled professional, all in the comfort and convenience of our practice. We strive to enhance the level of care we offer and are committed to serving the needs of our furry companions with the expertise and dedication they deserve.

Pet Obesity

Pet obesity is a critical issue that requires attention and action from pet owners. Just as in humans, being overweight can have serious consequences for our furry friends, leading to a range of health problems that can significantly impact their quality of life. Apart from physical health concerns such as joint pain and decreased mobility, obesity in pets can also lead to psychological issues like depression and anxiety.

By making conscious choices about the type and amount of food we give our pets and engaging them in regular exercise routines, we can help them maintain a healthy weight and avoid the risks associated with obesity. Regular visits to the veterinarian can provide valuable guidance on monitoring our pets' weight and health status, ensuring early intervention if necessary. By prioritizing our pets' well-being and taking proactive steps to prevent obesity, we can help them live longer, happier lives filled with energy and vitality.