



PAWPrints

WELCOME BACK PAWS PALS! SUMMER IS OFFICIALLY ENDING AND WE ARE HOPEFULLY APPROACHING COOLER WEATHER. WITH THAT BEING SAID, THERE ARE FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR PET THIS FALL!

WITH ALL THE STORMS WE'VE BEEN HAVING HERE IN ARIZONA, CREEPY CRAWLY CRITTERS ARE COMING OUT! A DANGEROUS ONE TO LOOK OUT FOR WOULD BE THE COLORADO RIVER TOAD, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SONORAN DESERT TOAD, IS FOUND IN NORTHERN MEXICO AND THE SOUTHWESTERN UNITED STATES. IT EXUDES TOXINS FROM GLANDS WITHIN ITS SKIN THAT CAN BE HIGHLY TOXIC TO BOTH CATS AND DOGS. A FEW WAYS TO IDENTIFY THEM ARE:

- 1. THEY HAVE LEATHERY SKIN THAT RANGES IN COLOR FROM OLIVE BROWN TO BLACK**
- 2. LOW ROUNDED ORANGE-LIKE BUMPS AND ENLARGED GLANDS BEHIND THEIR EYES AND ON THE BACK OF THE LIMBS.**



WITH THE HOLIDAYS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR PETS AWAY FROM YOUR TASTY TREATS.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE A TIME TO INDULGE IN ALL THINGS DELICIOUS SO BE SURE TO KEEP THOSE HALLOWEEN BAGS IN A SAFE PLACE!

TIPS FOR HIKING WITH YOUR PET!

1. CONSIDER YOUR PETS PHYSICAL CONDITION
2. CARRY PLENTY OF WATER
3. PREPARE FOR WEATHER AND TERRAIN
4. FOLLOW ALL RULES
5. CARRY A FIRST AID KIT
6. TAKE EXTRA CAUTION DURING HUNTING SEASON



ALTHOUGH THERE ARE PLENTY OF BEAUTIFUL TRAILS IN THE TUCSON AREA, THEY CAN BE SOMEWHAT LIMITED WHEN IT COMES TO BEING DOG FRIENDLY. THIS IS BECAUSE OF THE REINTRODUCTION OF BIG HORNED SHEEP THAT STARTED IN 1958. THIS ONCE ENDANGERED ANIMAL IS HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO THE SMELL A DOG (OR EVEN CAT) WILL NATURALLY LEAVE ON ANY TRAIL AND WILL RESOLVE IN THEM FEELING VERY STRESSED, THEREFORE UNABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY THRIVE. HERE ARE A FEW DOG FRIENDLY TRAILS IN THE TUCSON AREA!

1. CANYON LOOP TRAIL
2. TOROLITA MOUNTAIN TRAIL
3. SWEETWATER PRESERVE
4. MADERA CANYON
5. CHIVA FALLS
6. MOUNT LEMMON

