



# PAWPRINTS!

Welcome back paws pals! We are slowly but surely making it through the winter season and scorching hot temperatures are on their way. But before we get ahead of ourselves, spring time in Arizona has so many wonderful gifts to offer (minus the bugs and allergies) for you and your pet's to enjoy. Let's crack into it!

To begin, March is National Pet Poison Prevention Month. It's a good time for us to educate our clients on the dangers of accidental pet poisonings and how to prevent them!  
Some of the most common household toxins are:



Over-the-counter prescription meds: The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) reported that these were the most common pet toxins in 2020, accounting for almost 40% of calls they received.

Food: Especially grapes, raisins, onions, garlic, macadamia nuts, and cherries.

Chocolate: Contains caffeine and a chemical called theobromine, which dogs cannot metabolize. The darker the chocolate, the more toxic it is.

Xylitol: Sweetener found in sugar-free and other foods, including some peanut butters.

Rodenticides: Either in their pure form or from eating a poisoned rodent.

Cleaners and chemicals: Including bathroom, kitchen, window, and car cleaners, antifreeze, paint thinner, pool and hot tub products, etc.

Flowers and plants: Especially deadly to cats are all forms of lilies, tulips and daffodils, from bulb to bloom.



With that being said, what are the signs to look out for?

Vomiting/diarrhea, excessive drooling, lethargy/restlessness, pale gums, seizures/tremors, and collapse.



With the weather getting warmer and warmer every day, us Arizonans have a short period of time to get outside and enjoy what nature has to offer before it gets too hot! Listed below are some dog-friendly hiking trails to enjoy with your pup!

1. Catalina Canyon Loop Trail
2. Mosaic and Slingshot Loop
3. Soldier Trail
4. Chiva Falls Trail
5. Honeybee Canyon
6. Aspen and Marshall Gulch Trail
7. Greasewood Park
8. Bear Creek Trail
9. Feliz Paseos Park
10. Desert Winds Trail



**PET POISON HELP LINE! 855-886-7965**



# THEY'RE BACK...



As we all know, the warm desert can bring many joys to our lives but also many threats! There are many critters to be aware of as the temperatures continue to rise and monsoon season on the way. Two of the biggest concerns being rattle snakes and Colorado River Toads but we have a solution for you!

Dr. Vanya Moreno PHD with Animal Magnetism is one of the people we trust most when it comes to rattle snake/toad avoidance training! She offers training on your property, her property, or even on your favorite walk. Your dog will learn to avoid the sight, sounds, and scent of rattle snakes/toads. Call to set up an appointment with her today at 520-440-5040!



**Continuing our discussion about pesky critters...here come the mosquitos! They are going to be here before we know it and it's important we take precaution to protecting our pets from the dangers they bring. Heartworm disease is a serious disease that results in severe lung disease, heart failure, other organ damage, and death in pets, mainly dogs, cats, and ferrets. It is caused by a parasitic worm called *Dirofilaria Immitis*. The worms are spread through the bite of a mosquito! If you have any questions or concerns regarding the status of your pet's heartworm test and prevention, give us a call or ask your friendly CSR!**

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**All of us here at PAWS hope our wonderful clients have a safe and beautiful spring season! Thank you for your continued support and patronage!**

