



PawPrints

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Welcome back and happy spring PAWS pals! And just like that, spring has sprung, winter is ending, and warmer weather is on it's way! It's the best time of year to get outside with your pet and enjoy the beautiful weather but before doing so, let's discuss some springtime scaries to be cautious of but also the exciting things heading our way. Let's crack into it!

Spring showers are on their way which means so are the pesky critters that the rain brings! One of the worst being...MOSQUITOES! And what can be transmitted by mosquitoes? Heartworms! Although the incidence is low, there are heartworm infections in Arizona. We've even seen a handful of cases here at PAWS in the last few months. But there is hope! And we have the perfect product for you!

Nexgard+ is here to save the day! This all in one product protects against fleas, ticks, AND heartworms! Not only is this chew super palatable, you can have peace of mind knowing your pet is protected from all things warmer and moister weather brings!



Damp weather can bring more than just critters, it can also cause an influx in your pet's allergies. We see a lot of skin irritation and ear infections with the warmer, wet weather but there are over-the-counter options available to keep your pet comfortable and happy!

DOUXO S3 CALM helps manage pruritus and inflammation associated with allergies. It is formulated to soothe and hydrate the skin. It detangles the fur and leaves the hair coat soft and shiny. DOUXO is the #1 non-prescription topical brand used and recommended by U.S. veterinarians for dogs and cats with allergic dermatitis.

Available over-the-counter at PAWS, our online pharmacy, or Chewy.com. Ask your friendly CSR for more information today!



THEY'RE COMING...

The time of year we dread the most...rattle snakes are showing their slithery little faces and putting our pet's lives in danger! Hundreds of dogs are bitten by rattle snakes every year in Tucson. Although it seems unavoidable, there are precautions we can take as owners to protect our pets from being bitten. One of them being, rattle snake avoidance training!

Some of you have heard of Dr. Vanya Moreno with Animal Magnetism here at PAWS offering puppy classes and obedience training! What you might NOT know is she also offers rattlesnake and toad avoidance courses! For more information on how to get started, visit her website at www.animalmagnetism.com or give her a call at 520-440-4050.

As beautiful as spring time flowers and plants can be, it's important to recognize which flowers are toxic to our kitty friends!

Lilies, tulip bulbs, Devil's Ivy, and azaleas are plants to steer clear of! Symptoms that your pet has ingested these include: vomiting, lethargy, fever, trembling, diarrhea, drooling, low blood pressure, and becoming disoriented.



If your pet happens to ingest something toxic, the Pet Poison Helpline is available 24/7 at 855-764-7661! But when in doubt, get your pet the nearest emergency center. Veterinary Emergency Group (VEG) on Ina and Oracle is our top pick!



Every spring we like to provide information for all the pet-friendly hiking trails in the Tucson area! Get outside and soak up the beautiful weather before it's too late!



Sweetwater Preserve
Catalina State Park
Agua Caliente Park
Tanque Verde Falls
Saguaro National Park

Chiva Falls Trail
Madera Canyon
Dove Mountain Trail
Rilito River Walk
Molino Basin Trail

Lizard Rock Trail
Butterfly Loop
Gardner Canyon
Robles Trailhead
Mount Lemmon

We wish all of our wonderful clients a beautiful and flourishing spring! Thanks for tuning in and we'll see you next time!

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