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Welcome back PAWS pals! We have officially put the cooler weather behind us and gearing up for what the harsh summer has to bring. As many of you already know, summer time can bring MANY spooky-scaries for our beloved fur kids and it is important to understand the risks! Grab a cold drink, sit back and relax, and let's crack into it!

Summer is back and the heat is on! It's important to remember the risks our pets are at with the rising Arizona temperatures. One of them being pavement temps! Tucson is known for its dog-walking-community, unfortunately, summer really dictates the amount of time spent outside for our furry loved ones. Studies have shown pavement can reach 40-60 degrees higher than the temperature outside! And Arizona has know to hit the triple digits all summer long.

Shoes are a great option for pets who still want to enjoy the great outdoors while protecting their feetsies! But remember, the hottest parts of the day occur between 10am-3pm. It's always better to enjoy your walks early morning or late afternoon. Cooling vests are a wonderful option as well! Both available on Amazon. The more you can do to protect your pet, the better.



**Is your pet experiencing dehydration?
Here are the signs to look out for!**

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- lack of appetite
 - lethargy/weakness
 - dark colored urine
 - excessive panting
 - sunken eyes
 - tacky/dry gums
 - loss of skin elasticity
 - dry nose

Did you know?

Cats and dogs can get sunburned too! If your pet enjoys the great outdoors, most "baby sunscreens" are safe as long as you avoid those containing zinc oxide or "salicylates". There are also many pet friendly options on Amazon or your local pet/feed store!

July is national pet hydration month!

It's a dry heat...keep pets hydrated! Dogs need approximately 1 ounce of water per pound of body weight each day, while cats need 3.5-4.5 ounces per 5 pounds of body weight. While it's always advisable to have fresh water available, adding some of these items to your pet's daily diet may help ensure they're hydrated!

Answers - Fish and Turkey stock, raw fermented goat's milk & cow kefir
NutriSource - Come-Poocha -shelf stable bone broth
OC Raw - Raw goat's milk and flavored goat's milk
Open Farm - Bone broth (Beef, turkey, and chicken all shelf-stable)
Primal - frozen raw goat's milk (original, cranberry, pumpkin, and green goodness),
Frozen Bone broth (Beef, Pork, Turkey, and chicken all frozen).
Smallbatch - shelf-stable and frozen bone broths
Solutions - Frozen goat's milk (Better Butter Tea/Tummy Butter Tea/Goat Nog Goat milk/
Pork, Chicken, Fish Jiggles
Stella & Chewy's - shelf-stable Broth Toppers
The Honest Kitchen - Bone broth Pour Overs (beef, chicken, turkey/salmon), Instant
Goat's Milk packets, shelf-stable bone broth, Daily Boosters Beef Bone Broth)



LET IT RAIN, LET IT POUR, BUT PROTECT YOUR PETS!

Monsoon season has started and the mosquitoes are out with a vengeance! Although Arizona is typically a dryer climate, heartworm cases still happen and we've even seen a spike in the last few months! Not only that, flea/tick breakouts have been known to spike around this time of year as well. If only there was a product to protect against heartworms, fleas, AND ticks!



Introducing... Nexgard Plus!



NexGard PLUS soft chews give you the power to protect your dog from fleas and ticks, prevent heartworm disease, and treat and control roundworms and hookworms. Available in a tasty beef chew, your pet is guaranteed to gobble this down and keep themselves protected all year round!

We would like to wish all of our wonderful clients a safe and COOL summer! We are in the process of renovating the building next door that will be focused on our feline and rehab patients. We are excited for what the future has to bring and will keep our clients updated along the way. Until next time!

-PAWS Team-