



**SUMMER 2025**

# PAW PRINTS

**WELCOME BACK PAWS PALS! AS THE SUMMER SUN SHINES BRIGHT OVER TUCSON, WE HOPE THIS SEASON HAS BEEN BRINGING PLENTY OF TAIL WAGS, PURRS, AND PLAYFUL MOMENTS WITH YOUR FURRY COMPANIONS. AT PAWS, WE'RE HERE TO HELP KEEP YOUR PETS HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND SAFE THROUGH THE DESERT HEAT. IN THIS EDITION OF OUR SUMMER NEWSLETTER, YOU'LL FIND SEASONAL TIPS, IMPORTANT UPDATES, AND A FEW FUN SURPRISES! GRAB A COLD BEVY AND LET'S CRACK INTO IT!**

## ***KOWABUNGA!***

**THERE IS NOTHING BETTER THAN A COLD DIP IN A POOL TO COMBAT THE TUCSON HEAT! HERE ARE A FEW TIPS ON KEEPING YOUR PET HEALTHY AND SAFE WHILE ALLOWING THEM TO TAKE PART IN WATER ACTIVITIES!**

**IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW YOUR DOG'S LIMITS, AS NOT ALL DOGS ARE NATURAL SWIMMERS—BREEDS LIKE BULLDOGS OR PUGS MAY STRUGGLE DUE TO THEIR BODY SHAPE. START SLOWLY AND WATCH FOR SIGNS OF COMFORT OR DISTRESS TO GAUGE THEIR SKILL LEVEL. ALWAYS USE A WELL-FITTING CANINE LIFE JACKET WITH A HANDLE ON THE BACK FOR EASY LIFTING AND EXTRA SAFETY. NEVER LEAVE YOUR DOG UNATTENDED NEAR WATER, EVEN IN SHALLOW AREAS, AND TEACH THEM HOW TO SAFELY ENTER AND EXIT, ESPECIALLY WHEN USING POOLS—RAMPS OR STEPS CAN BE HELPFUL. AFTER SWIMMING, RINSE YOUR DOG THOROUGHLY TO REMOVE CHLORINE, SALT, OR ALGAE, WHICH CAN IRRITATE THEIR SKIN OR BE HARMFUL IF INGESTED. FINALLY, BE AWARE OF WATER INTOXICATION, A RARE BUT SERIOUS CONDITION CAUSED BY SWALLOWING TOO MUCH WATER; WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS SUCH AS LETHARGY, VOMITING, OR BLOATING, AND CONSULT A VET IF YOU'RE CONCERNED.**

***AFRAID YOUR CAT  
ISN'T DRINKING  
ENOUGH WATER?***



**ENSURING YOUR CAT DRINKS ENOUGH WATER IS VITAL FOR THEIR OVERALL HEALTH, ESPECIALLY FOR PREVENTING URINARY TRACT ISSUES AND KIDNEY DISEASE, WHICH ARE COMMON IN CATS. TO ENCOURAGE BETTER HYDRATION, PROVIDE MULTIPLE BOWLS OF FRESH WATER AROUND THE HOUSE AND CONSIDER USING A CAT WATER FOUNTAIN, AS MANY CATS PREFER RUNNING WATER. YOU CAN ALSO ADD WATER OR LOW-SODIUM BROTH TO WET OR DRY FOOD, OR FEED MORE WET FOOD, WHICH HAS HIGHER MOISTURE CONTENT. KEEPING WATER BOWLS CLEAN AND PLACING THEM AWAY FROM FOOD OR LITTER BOXES CAN ALSO MAKE THEM MORE APPEALING. PROPER HYDRATION SUPPORTS KIDNEY FUNCTION, AIDS DIGESTION, AND HELPS MAINTAIN HEALTHY SKIN AND FUR!**



# **SPLASHING INTO THE SUMMER WITH BIG NEWS!**

**WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE WE ARE NOW OFFERING PET RECREATION! AT CANINE CO-LAB, OUR PET RECREATION PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR HEALTHY DOGS WHO NEED A SAFE, CLEAN, AND ENRICHING ENVIRONMENT TO STAY ACTIVE AND THRIVE. EACH SESSION INCLUDES TAILORED EXERCISE PLANS TO MEET YOUR DOG'S INDIVIDUAL NEEDS—WHETHER IT'S FOR WEIGHT LOSS, MUSCLE BUILDING, OR SIMPLY ENJOYING ACTIVE PLAYTIME. BEYOND PHYSICAL FITNESS, WE FOCUS ON MENTAL STIMULATION THROUGH INTERACTIVE GAMES AND PUZZLES, AS WELL AS SENSORY PLAY TO KEEP YOUR DOG ENTERTAINED AND EMOTIONALLY BALANCED. WE ALSO OFFER SPECIALIZED FITNESS ACTIVITIES FOR SENIOR DOGS TO HELP MAINTAIN MOBILITY AND JOINT HEALTH.**

## **WHY CAT ENRICHMENT IS SO IMPORTANT!**

**AS OUR FOCUS FOR FELINE HEALTH CONTINUES, WE THOUGHT NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO DISCUSS WHY CAT ENRICHMENT IS ESSENTIAL FOR MAINTAINING A CAT'S PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING**

### **WHAT IS IT?**

**IN BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTS, ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES HELP STIMULATE A CAT'S NATURAL INSTINCTS TO HUNT, EXPLORE, AND PROBLEM-SOLVE. WITHOUT ADEQUATE STIMULATION, CATS CAN BECOME BORED, STRESSED, OR EVEN DEVELOP BEHAVIORAL ISSUES LIKE AGGRESSION OR DESTRUCTIVE HABITS. ENRICHMENT NOT ONLY PREVENTS THESE PROBLEMS BUT ALSO STRENGTHENS THE BOND BETWEEN CATS AND THEIR OWNERS, ENCOURAGES HEALTHY EXERCISE, AND CONTRIBUTES TO A HAPPIER, MORE BALANCED LIFE FOR THE ANIMAL.**



### **EXAMPLES?**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ENRICHMENT, SUCH AS CAT TREES, CLIMBING SHELVES, AND WINDOW PERCHES, ALLOWS CATS TO EXPLORE VERTICAL SPACE AND OBSERVE THE WORLD SAFELY. PHYSICAL ENRICHMENT INCLUDES INTERACTIVE TOYS LIKE FEATHER WANDS, TUNNELS, AND BALLS, WHICH ENCOURAGE EXERCISE AND MIMIC HUNTING BEHAVIORS. MENTAL ENRICHMENT IS JUST AS IMPORTANT, WITH PUZZLE FEEDERS, TREAT-DISPENSING TOYS, AND CLICKER TRAINING SESSIONS OFFERING PROBLEM-SOLVING CHALLENGES THAT KEEP A CAT'S MIND ACTIVE. SENSORY ENRICHMENT, SUCH AS ROTATING TOYS, INTRODUCING NEW SCENTS LIKE CATNIP OR SILVERVINE, AND EVEN PLAYING MUSIC OR VIDEOS MADE FOR CATS, CAN KEEP THEIR ENVIRONMENT STIMULATING AND FRESH.**

**AS SUMMER WINDS DOWN HERE IN TUCSON, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TRUSTING US WITH THE CARE OF YOUR BELOVED CATS AND DOGS. IT'S BEEN A BUSY SEASON, AND WE'VE ENJOYED SEEING SO MANY OF YOUR PETS COME THROUGH OUR DOORS FOR CHECKUPS, TREATMENTS, AND THE OCCASIONAL BELLY RUB OR PURR. AS WE HEAD INTO THE FALL, REMEMBER TO KEEP UP WITH WELLNESS VISITS, STAY CURRENT ON VACCINATIONS, AND WATCH FOR SEASONAL CHANGES THAT MAY AFFECT YOUR PET'S HEALTH. FROM ALL OF US AT PAWS, WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU AND YOUR FURRY FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD.**