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JUMP IN!

Water Safety for You and Your Dog

How we love our rivers and lakes in Central Oregon. It seems like the window of time for enjoying them this year is a bit short, so get out there and enjoy! Following are some options for safely enjoying the water with your dog.

Rivers and Lakes

Swimming: If you and your dog are swimmers, we've got plenty of lakes to accommodate you! Be aware of your dog's capabilities: dogs age more rapidly than we'd like, so be sure to be very aware from season to season. Also, our natural waterways are very cold! You'll BOTH want to be prepared for that.

Safety Tip: Do a test swim – not so far away from shore – so you can assess the situation.

Boating: Canoeing, kayaking, motor boating all are activities that tend to take you further from shore than you would normally swim or wade. In addition, current comes into play when on a river or near an inlet or outlet to a lake. Enjoy boating with your dog, but...

Safety Tip: ...GET A FLOAT COAT! Not only do they help with fatigue, but they also keep your dog in the right position in the water and the handle makes it easier to get her into the boat or on the dock.

Algae Bloom: You might tend to think that all natural growth in our pristine-looking waterways is "clean". Not the case with algae bloom. Google "algae bloom" images to become familiar with what to avoid.

From the Oregon State University Blog H2ONCoast: Last year Oregon Public Health issued 21 health advisories due to cyanobacteria, or blue-green algae, because of the potential for exposure to toxins. This was an increase over 2008, when 14 health advisories for harmful algae blooms were issued. Also, in 2009 Oregon recorded its first confirmed dog death due to algae toxin in water near the confluence of Elk Creek and the Umpqua River in Douglas County.

Safety Tip: If you or your pet come in contact with algae bloom, get to clean water from a hose and rinse off completely.

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Dog Parks

Check out www.DogPac.org for a complete list of off-leash areas with water access. If you're looking to give your dog a bit of time in the water, but you're not hopping in yourself, go to Riverbend Beach Dog Park (Columbia St. in Old Mill District).

Safety Tip: There is a current, so unless your dog is a strong swimmer, don't toss a ball too far – especially if he's extremely motivated to go after it.

Now, get out there and play!

Fast Facts – Neighbor Impact

www.NeighborImpact.org (541) 548-2380

- Not only a food bank for humans, but for pets, too! Pet food is available at area meal service organizations like Family Kitchen. Look for a complete listing on the website (see above)
- Bend Pet Express donates vendor samples, donations & mis-picks and quality customer returns (sometimes a pet just doesn't like the taste!).
- How to drop off food: Take quality food or toy & supply donations to 2303 SW 1st Street, Redmond.



Summer Essentials



Ruff Wear Portage Float Coat:

Provides safety for your water-loving canine companion and peace of mind for you in and around the water. Ideal for recreational use, the Portage is a high-quality life jacket at an excellent value. Great for calm water activities, or for dogs who are less buoyant and/or new to the water. – Fern or Orange All sizes - \$50

High Cascade Emu Pet Shampoo:

4 In 1 Shampoo/Conditioner Concentrate contains the additional benefits of safe and natural insect repellents and germ protection. Cedar, Citronella, Patchouli and Eucalyptus oils can protect your pets from fleas, ticks, and insects for up to 7 days. Safe and gentle enough for sensitive skin types and young animals. - \$17



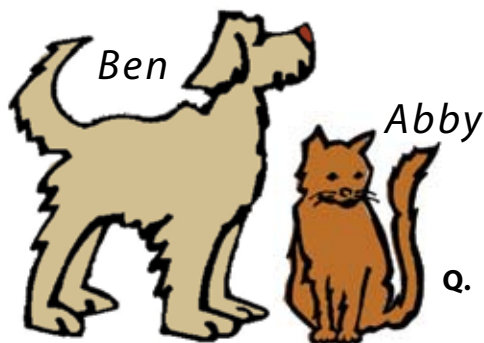
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Approach Pack:

Comfort-fit Web Master™ Harness frame ensures good structure, stability, and load dispersion. The five-point adjustable fit accommodates dogs of all shapes and sizes. Good for one-hour to three-day hikes. – Glacial Blue or Lichen Green Lg/Med - \$70, Sm/XSm - \$60

What's In Store at BPE

All for Dogs Adoption	7/03/10	Eastside store - 10:30am – 2:00pm
Pet Parade!	7/04/10	Downtown Bend – 10:00am – 11:00am
Outback Humane Society Adoptions	7/10/10	Westside store – 10:30am – 2:00pm
Shot & Microchip Clinic	7/17/10	Eastside store – 10:00am – 1:00pm
Puppy Party	7/25/10	East & Westside stores – 3:00 – 4:00pm



Dear Ben & Abby:

an advice column for your pets

There's nothing like getting your advice straight from the dog or cat's mouth! If you have a question for Ben or Abby, please e-mail them at BenNAbby@marketingdept.net, they'd be happy to respond here in the Bend Pet Express newsletter.

Our questions for this month:

- Q.** Fluffy, my beautiful Himalayan cat, loves to be brushed, which is great, but she puts up a tremendous fuss when it's bath time. Any suggestions? A.J., Bend
- A. Ben** My dad always said, "Ben, ya gotta just jump right in there and get over it". So, toss her in. She'll adjust.
- A. Abby** I'm happy to speak for all cats when I say that we simply do not need baths. The grooming we do for ourselves is more than adequate. So, please, do NOT just "toss her in" as Ben says. Be glad that she loves to be brushed and continue to have that quality time with her.
- Q.** My dog seems to LOVE water, chasing after sprinklers and splashes everywhere, but just won't swim. I think she'd really enjoy it, but just won't get in water past her belly. Should I keep trying? Al, Sunriver
- A. Abby** Unless the water is warm and perfumed, forget it.
- A. Ben** Not every dog likes to swim. But, if you really have a feeling she'd like it, then you could try my dad's advice (see above). Or, take her to a lake and slowly work her further out with splash play. You'll know soon enough if this is a good idea. Don't forget to rinse her with clean water from a hose afterward. Helps prevent rashes and itching from lake bacteria.