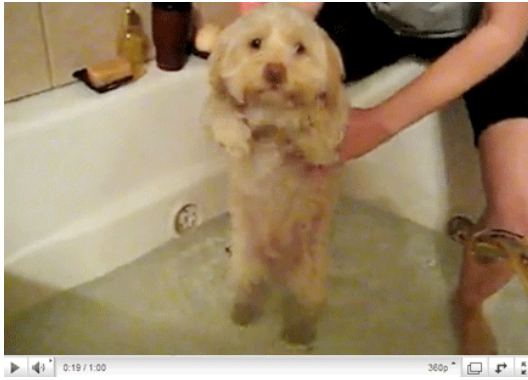




Video of the month



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Bath Time Survey

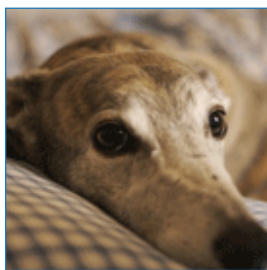
Bath Time

What is your pet's reaction to bath time?

- Bring on the bubbles!
- I'll do it...but i'm not happy.
- Get ready to hear me talk about it!
- Have fun carrying me to the tub.

Upcoming events

03/12 eastside 03/13 westside
Greyhound Adoptions
East & Westside Bend Pet Express
11am - 3pm



03/14/11 - 04/03/11
Winter Gear Sale
20% off all winter gear

03/27/11
Puppy Party!
Eastside & Westside Bend Pet
Express 3pm

GROOMING 101

It's March. And although the recent weather has sent us all running for hats, gloves, and warm fires, spring is just around the corner. All the signs are here - longer days, the beginnings of leaves, and a warmer sun. It's time to start thinking about returning to favorite trails, picnics in the park, and floating down the river.



For pet owners, the longer, warmer days mean easier pet care. Tired of being pent up and underfoot, cats venture out of the house to watch birds and enjoy a warm, grassy patch of sun. The daily dog walk, formerly a lesson on dressing in layers and slipping in the dark, is now an enjoyable stroll or a game of Frisbee. Exercise comes easily, and with it, better moods and better behavior.

Of course, with all the sun, warmer temperatures, and good behavior comes a price... shedding. Spring is a happy time of year, but it's also a messy one, and you can save yourself a lot of sweeping, vacuuming, and dusting by establishing a regular grooming routine.

The key to successful pet grooming is knowing your pet's coat. Dogs have either a single coat or a double coat. Single coat breeds do not have an undercoat. Their hair grows evenly and they shed relatively little. Double coat breeds have a soft, downy undercoat and a longer, coarser top coat. These breeds usually shed twice a year and require a lot of grooming, especially in the spring and fall.

In addition to having a single coat or a double coat, dogs can also be short-haired (1/2 to 2 inches), medium-haired (2 to 3 inches), or long-haired (more than 3 inches if allowed to grow). The longer the coat, the more grooming required.

Finally, coat texture plays a big role in dog grooming. Dogs can have a corded coat which is naturally dreadlocked, a curly coat, a smooth coat, a silky coat, or a wiry coat. Corded and curly coats require the most maintenance to prevent the thick mats that hold moisture and bacteria and can lead to skin irritation and infections. Silky coats require regular brushing and conditioning in long-haired breeds.

With cats grooming is pretty simple. Long-haired cats require weekly brushing; short-haired cats need to be brushed once a month. Cats shed evenly all year long, so as long as you maintain a regular routine you shouldn't have any trouble with your cat's coat.

Beyond helping you maintain a clean home, grooming is important for pet health. Regular grooming helps spread natural skin oils that keep coats shiny and skin soft. Grooming routines also help you identify any lumps, cuts, hair mats, fleas, or ticks before they cause serious health problems.

Grooming Tips:

- Start at the head and work your way over the back and sides. Brush the tail and legs last.
- As you brush, check for mats, especially behind the ears, in the armpits, along the back of the legs, and between toes.
- Difficult mats can be sprayed with a conditioner before brushing them out.
- During heavy shedding periods, brush your pet every day.
- Bathe your pet only after thoroughly brushing.
- Always use **tear free shampoo** near your pet's eyes, ears, or mouth.
- Use shampoos made of natural ingredients to help prevent dry skin and irritations



Up for Adoption

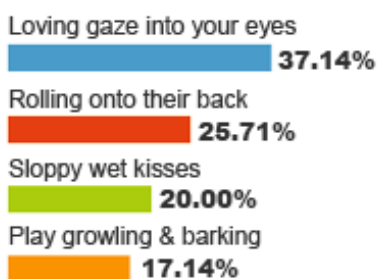


Jasmine w/All for Dogs Rescue

Jasmine is super friendly, affectionate and truly a gentle girl. We would love to see this wonderful dog find her forever family, to learn what it is like to be a cherished family pet and have the security and happiness every dog deserves. [learn more here.](#)

Survey Results

How do your pets show their love?



Facebook Fans!

Help us hit **500 fans** by suggesting us to your friends. Last month a lucky fan won a \$20.00 gift cart in our photo contest! Check out our page [here.](#)



FEATURED PRODUCTS

The Zoom Groom

The Zoom Groom is one of those products that does it all. It works both wet and dry, on long and short coats, but where it really shines is on shorthaired dogs. Josh from the eastside loves it for both his German Shorthair and Pit-Bull. It also works amazing for all dogs as a scrubber during bath time.



Grooming Wipes



Grooming wipes are a great way to do a quick clean up. They work great for a quick paw wipe after playing in the dirt and slush, or for a quick drool clean up. Grooming wipes are also great for dogs with environmental allergies for quick clean ups of the armpits and bellies.

Stella & Chewy's Fresh Food Diet

Stella & Chewy's ingredient list reads like a "who's who" of wholesome, healthy stuff. Like raw, naturally-raised meat, poultry or fish, sourced from USDA-inspected facilities. Organic fruits and vegetables such as cranberries, carrots, apples, spinach, broccoli and beets. Healthful, direct-fed microorganisms (probiotics), natural tocopherols, chelated trace minerals and taurine. What you won't see are any of the usual suspects, like grain, fillers, artificial preservatives, colorings, added hormones or antibiotics. We love this food and it is of course made and sourced 100% in the USA!



STAFF PICK - Staci Bowen

Staci's staff pick is Stella & Chewy's Fresh Food Diet. "Stella and Chewy's is one of the complete diet pre-made raw foods we carry. It is a good alternative if your pet is becoming bored or picky with their dry food! Raw foods can also help relieve allergy problems in some pets. Their new Surf n' Turf Salmon and Beef formula is a great option for allergic pets! Stella and Chewy's uses only wild caught Alaskan salmon and naturally raised hormone and antibiotic free beef which is then further sterilized by their SecureByNature food safety process.



Even though the packaging only shows dogs, it is perfectly acceptable for kitties too! My oldest kitty Monstee will only eat Stella and Chewy's! - her favorite flavors are the Duck Duck Goose and Chewy's Chicken Dinner."

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Neighbor Impact - www.NeighborImpact.org

NeighborImpact is a private nonprofit organization established to serve and speak out for economically disadvantaged people in Central Oregon. Our mission is to break the cycle of poverty by helping remove the barriers that prevent people from achieving economic self-sufficiency.

