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Pet Product Ideas

Summertime Tips

- Always carry a gallon thermos filled with cold, fresh water when traveling with your pet.
- Never leave your pet alone in a vehicle—hyperthermia can be fatal. Even with the windows open, a parked car can quickly become a furnace. Parking in the shade is not the solution, as the sun shifts.
- Provide fresh water and plenty of shade for animals kept outdoors. Bring your dog or cat inside during the heat of the day to rest in a cool part of the house.
- Thunderstorms and fireworks cause anxiety for many pets and cause them to run away. Remember to keep current i.d. on your pets. Try *Quiet Moments* or *Happy Traveler* for a natural calming aids.
- Thinking of shaving your dog to keep him cool? A dog's hair is his protection from the sun, so shaving them may cause more harm than good. To keep your dog waggy, leave 'em shaggy. Come into the Wet Pet Express, located in our Eastside store, to ask our groomers about any of your summer grooming concerns.

Summertime = Adventures

Summer is a great time to get out and explore the endless outdoor opportunities here in Central Oregon. Here are some great products to make those outdoor adventures more enjoyable for you and your pooch.



A jacket in the summer may seem counterintuitive, unless it's the Swamp Cooler from Ruffwear. This jacket uses evaporative cooling, replacing your dog's heat with the coolness of stored water. Helps keep hiking fun and safe even on the warmest days.

Paw protection is not just a wintertime concern. The abrasive volcanic soil found across Central Oregon coupled with the sun's heat can turn a fun hiking adventure into a doggy disaster very quickly. Ruffwear booties as well as Musher's Secret can help ensure your dog's feet will stay happy all summer long.



One sure way to beat the summer heat is to spend time around the water. If your dog isn't the strongest swimmer, or if you just want that added protection, look into Ruffwear's Float Coat. It's a floatation device for dogs. Great if you're bringing your pooch on a boat. 🐾

Free Informational Seminars

Homeopathy

Date & Time: July 26, 3:00 p.m
Location: Eastside Store
Dr. Susan Bertram, DVM

Dog Parks

Date & Time: Aug 23, 3:00 p.m
Location: Eastside Store
Bend Metro Parks and Rec.

Aging Pet

Date & Time: Sept. 27, 3:00 p.m
Location: Eastside Store
Sharen Myers/Bryon Moss

Delivery Service

We are proud to re-introduce our delivery service. Giving your pets the best has never been easier, just log on to www.bendpetexpress.com, click the delivery link, and shop away. Next business day delivery available in the Bend and Sunriver area.

Local Nonprofit Spotlight

Hydrate and Help

Throughout July you can help keep your dog hydrated and help a great cause by participating in the "Hydrate & Help" fundraiser. For a \$10 donation, you will receive a collapsible water bowl made by Spindrift, your favorite local leash and collar company. All proceeds benefit the Bend Spay and Neuter Project. 🐾





Eastside (Windy Knolls - across from Costco) & Westside (Century Drive): **NEW STORE HOURS!!! 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 7 days a week**

Hot Dog Amber waves of Pain?!!!

The environment is full of potential hazards to our pets, one extremely common hazard in this area is foxtails. Foxtail, also known as cheat grass, is a generic name given to many wild grasses. They are called foxtails because of the soft, bushy appearance of the seeds that form at the top of the stalk. Walk around most "natural" environments in Central Oregon and you are nearly guaranteed to see this amber colored grass.

The hazard foxtails pose stems from the structure of the seeds themselves. The seeds, also known as awns, have a sharp point, and are covered in microscopic barbs. When a passing animal brushes against a foxtail, the awns will release from the grass and attach to the animal. Sometimes the awns fall off and the animal is none the worse, the problems begin when they do not fall off.

The point of the awn can easily penetrate the skin of a dog or cat. Once that has happened, the damage has begun. After penetration, the microscopic barbs prevent the awn from being pulled out the way that it went in. Trying to pull it out will only result in the awn breaking, allowing the remaining piece to continue on its journey. The awn will continue to migrate until it comes out the other side, or is stopped by bone.

The two main dangers posed by foxtails are foreign-body reactions and infections. Foxtails cannot be absorbed or broken down by the animal's body, nor can x-rays detect them.

Just to bring the point closer to home, recently I was working in the Westside store when a customer asked if he could buy just one bootie. I said sure, but asked him why he needed just one.



Turns out his shepherd/lab mix had gotten into some cheat grass, and an awn had gotten stuck in one of her toes. He noticed something when she started showing signs of pain in that foot. By that time the awn had migrated into her toe and stopped at the bone. There was nothing the vet could do but amputation. Luckily, she'll go on to have a happy, normal life, but if the awn was in her nose rather than her toe, the story may have ended differently.

Bye Bye Bakery

We are sad to announce that the Down Dog Bakery has closed. Increased costs have made it impossible for us to maintain our high quality standards at a reasonable price. We are just as bummed as you to see the bakery treats go. But fear not, we have found several wheat, corn, and soy free biscuits that are sure to please the pickiest of pooches. We thank you for the years of support and apologize if we've disappointed any of our doggy friends.

Seasonal Checklists

Foxtail Checklist

- Avoid foxtail-infested areas in the summertime.
- Keep your dog on leash anytime you may be in foxtail habitat
- If you have foxtails in your yard, pull and dispose them
- Thoroughly check your dog, especially between their toes, in their armpits, and in their ears
- If any unusual bumps or swelling, head shaking, sneezing, or goopy eye start to develop, take your dog to the vet and let them know of the possible foxtail presence 🐾



Hiking Checklist

- Bring a first aid kit for your dogs
- Bring plenty of fresh water for your dogs
- Check ahead of time if the area you are planning to hike allows dogs and get clarification on the leash laws
- If you are going on a multi-day trip, be sure to bring enough food for your dog, a pack for your dog is a great way for them to help share the load
- Be sure that your hike is not conflicting with any relevant hunting seasons
- Thoroughly check yourself and your dogs for ticks after your hike
- A bear bell can be great for warning wildlife of you and your dog's presence as well as giving you an auditory report on your dog's location
- Have FUN!!!!!!! 🐾