

April showers *did* bring the May flowers, along with the threat of severe weather. Let's be prepared. Disaster Preparedness is Saving the *Whole* Family!



Nature has its fury days: tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, blizzards, and more. You need to prepare for yourself and your animals. Do Not wait until it's too late! Countless times people have been evacuated for a "short" time and then find out that they can't return for days or weeks. To prevent this from happening take your pet with you if you can. If you are not at home, have a neighbor or close family member designated to tend to your animals. Familiarize them with your evacuation kit; your veterinary hospitals number, all your paperwork, leashes, cages, food, medicine, etc. **Small Animal First Aid Kit should include:**

- A few days of food
- A few days of water
- Food bowl/water bowl
- Cage/carrier
- Can opener
- Flea prevention/Heartworm prevention
- Any medication that your pet may be on. (Clearly labeled)
- Towels/washcloths
- Extra Leashes
- Extra collars
- Stakes and tie-outs
- Trash bags
- Bandage scissors
- Bandage tape
- Cotton bandage rolls
- Eye rinse
- Ice cream sticks (can be a splint)
- Alcohol prep pads
- Liquid dish detergent
- Gauze pads and rolls
- Tweezers
- Betadine or Nolvasan (scrub and solution)
- Antibiotic ointment (wounds)
- Syringe or eyedropper

For additional information ask us or visit www.avma.org or visit our website- we have our own version of the first aid kit.



Memorial Day Weekend is coming fast.

Are you planning to take a trip? Do you plan to take your pet with you? Please take care of your pets needs before leaving home. Is your pet a great traveler? If not, boarding or having a pet sitter come to your house is an option, but do your research. Even though we love our pets to be with us, as much as they enjoy being with us, travel can be very stressful. When traveling with your pet make sure they are up to date with all their vaccines and that you have enough of any medication that your pet maybe taking. Have us make a copy of your pets' records to carry with you just in case you have an emergency while you are gone. Make sure you have researched the area where you are going; pet friendly hotels, pet walking areas, parks that are pet friendly, etc.



Remember to beware of the hot weather this summer while traveling; it can be very dangerous for your pet. Plan to keep your companion well hydrated; pets can suffer from heat prostration very *quickly* if left in a car even with the windows partially open.

Did you remember to water the flowers, did you remember to weed the garden, and did you remember your pets' monthly heartworm prevention?

Do you need a little help remembering each month to give your pet their heartworm pill? We can help you with that! Log onto www.remindmypet.com. Enter your information; you can have them send you a monthly E-mail or text, right to your cell phone. Don't be ashamed, everyone forgets sometimes so let's use this service to help us help our pets stay healthy.



Did you read the article about the cat that traveled 1,300 miles from home?

Little Charles the tabby cat traveled from his home in New Mexico to Chicago, and no one knows how or why. His owner was out of town and a friend was watching him and he just disappeared. Eight months later Charles showed up at Chicago Animal Care and Control, they had found him wandering as a stray. Thanks to his owner, he had been micro-chipped. The shelter scanned Charles, found the information and called his owner who was elated to hear that he had been found. A Good Samaritan heard about the story and is traveling to Chicago to put Charles on a plane to home.

Let's not let something similar happen to your pet during this very busy travel month! Get your pet micro-

While we are grilling out this month please stay alert... These foods may seem delicious to you, but are actually very dangerous for your pet:



- Chocolate
- Coffee
- Caffeine
- Macadamia Nuts
- Grapes & Raisins
- Yeast Dough
- Raw uncooked meats/eggs
- Xylitol (found in chewing gums)
- Onions, Garlic, Chives
- Milk
- Salt
- Avocado
- Alcohol

If you suspect your pet has ingested any of these, please note the amount ingested, call us and then the Animal Poison Control Center

1-888-426-4435

Please use this newsletter as a guide this holiday month to let us help you keep your pet safe and