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Volunteer Newsletter

ADOPTIONS
Sept and Oct
Cats 72 !!!
Dogs 10

Facts About Animal Abuse & Domestic Violence

From the site of Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC.org)

"Victims of domestic violence with pets may be hesitant to leave an abusive situation and seek safe shelter if they are unable to remove their pets from danger as well. People who abuse their spouses, partners and children are also likely to harm family pets as a way to keep control of their victims. They may threaten to kill or injure the family pets if the victim leaves or seeks help for the abuse." Following are the Facts about Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence.

- ♥ 71% of pet-owning women entering women's shelters reported that their batterer had injured, maimed, killed or threatened family pets for revenge or to psychologically control victims; 32% reported their children had hurt or killed animals.
- ♥ Between 25% and 40% of battered women are unable to escape abusive situations because they worry about what will happen to their pets or livestock should they leave.
- ♥ Pets may suffer unexplained injuries, health problems, permanent disabilities at the hands of abusers, or disappear from home.
- ♥ Abusers kill, harm, or threaten children's pets to coerce them into sexual abuse or to force them to remain silent about abuse. Disturbed children kill or harm animals to emulate their parents' conduct, to prevent the abuser from killing the pet, or to take out their aggressions on another victim. *Continued on Page 2*



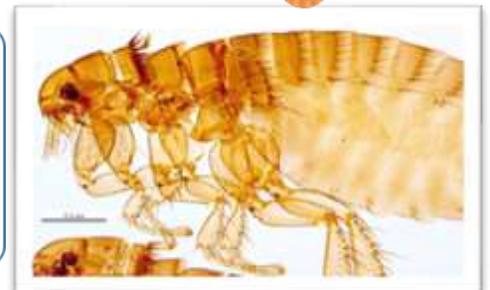
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Why Are the Flea Medications Not Working This Fall

Editor: I have seven cats and one of them just seems to have fleas all the time no matter what I do. After reading this article I have decided to treat the environment as well as the cat. Two houses sprayed at 300.00 a piece and a frost should take care of the cats' environment. Capstar and Advantage should finish them off on my cats. I will let you know if it works but the exterminator said it probably will. *Continued on page 2*



Why Are the Flea Medications Not Working This Fall

By Dr Anna Coffin and the Guthrie Pet Hospital Staff

"Many clients of Guthrie Pet Hospital are suffering from flea infestation, because of the increased moisture and humidity that we are experiencing this year. Dr. Anna Coffin will explain the flea life cycle and discuss reasons why your flea medication is not working.

Flea Life Cycle

There are four stages of the fleas life cycle: Adult flea, larvae, pupae, and egg. For an in-depth look at the flea life cycle see Dr. Anna Coffin's article What's lurking in your yard? If you are experiencing problems with flea medication not working, it may be due to the flea life cycle. These points are usually where the problem lies. Once an adult flea emerges from the pupae and finds a host, it will live on that host its entire life. Fleas do not jump from one pet to another. Adult fleas come from the environment. Adult fleas start to lay eggs just 24 hours after their first meal. One flea can lay fifty eggs every day. Because of its egg-laying capacity, the adult flea only consists of 5% of the flea population. 95% of the flea population is the eggs, larvae, and pupae that live in the environment. Depending on temperature and humidity, the flea life cycle can take three to eight weeks, and sometimes more, for all life stages to develop and be killed. The pupae are in a protective cocoon that is resistant to all chemicals.

Reasons Your Flea Medication Is Not Working

- ♥ Not treating the source of the infestation: The fleas on your pet came from eggs that have hatched in the environment. Find the source and treat it or reduce your pet's exposure to the area. Common sources of infestation include your home, yard, and parks.
- ♥ Improper application of flea medication: It is important to read the directions for flea medications, especially topical products. Some oral flea medications require a full meal to be absorbed. Some topical flea medication may not work as effective if you bathe your pet or if your pet swims. Topical products should be applied directly to the skin and in a two-inch area between the shoulder blades.
- ♥ Misunderstanding how flea medication works: Most flea medication do not repel fleas, so new fleas from the environment can and will jump on your pet to feed. Flea medications kill fleas either by direct contact or from the flea feeding on your pet. Research the product you are using so that you know how fast it will start killing fleas. Some products start killing fleas within 30 minutes, and some can take 24 hours or more.
- ♥ Not using a fast kill flea medication or one with an insect growth regulator: It is important to either start killing fleas before they can lay eggs or use a flea medication that kills the eggs. Stopping the flea life cycle is important.
- ♥ It takes time: Your Flea infestation did not happen in a day and will not resolve in a few days. In fact, it can take three to eight weeks, that is two months, for all stages of the flea cycle to be fully developed and mature. Flea medication must be given as directed for at least two months.

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Facts About Animal Abuse & Domestic Violence

- ♥ In one study, 70% of animal abusers also had records for other crimes. Domestic violence victims whose animals were abused saw the animal cruelty as one more violent episode in a long history of indiscriminate violence aimed at them and their vulnerability.
- ♥ Investigation of animal abuse is often the first point of social services intervention for a family in trouble.
- ♥ For many battered women, pets are sources of comfort providing strong emotional support: 98% of Americans consider pets to be companions or members of the family.
- ♥ Animal cruelty problems are people problems. When animals are abused, people are at risk.

With the Holiday season upon us many of us are looking for organizations to donate to. Of course we hope that you will consider Spay and Save a good place to make that donation. You may also think about the shelters for animals of a family suffering from Domestic Violence like AWAIC.org.

Halloween Happenings



Generally at this time of year the happening page is loaded with snapshots of Halloween costume contests from the Pet Stores. So Chris suggested I replace them with some shots of the handmade decorations in the front of my house this year. It might not be easy to tell but this is three skeletons on their way to work waiting at a bus stop, with the morning paper and their briefcases, when a hungry dog scampers off with the leg bone of one of them. A cat and the other two travelers stand shocked and amazed.

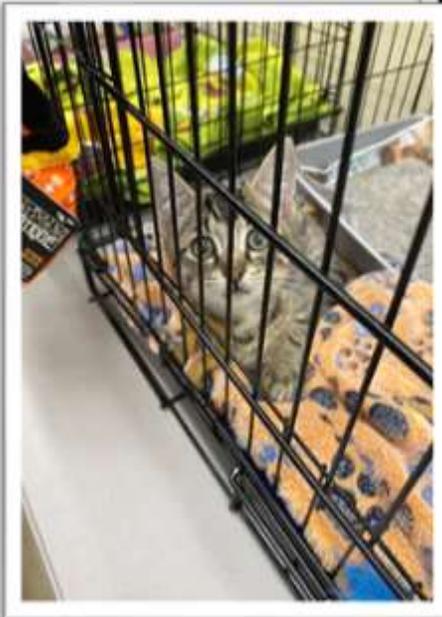
Those who have visited my home at Christmas know I take great pride in producing these animal themed displays.

IF A COVID VACINE IS AVAILABLE SOON I HOPE WE CAN GET TOGETHER FOR THE ANNUAL SPAY AND SAVE HOLIDAY PARTY. SO HOLD FRIDAY DECEMBER 18TH AS THE PLANNED DATE. I WILL SEND OUT NOTIFICATION TWO WEEKS PRIOR IF IT WILL HAPPEN.



Above: My favorite Skeleton taking a bubble bath at Halloween.

Right: Some rather unique Halloween Costumes for cats and dogs.



Left: a really cute face from the adoption day on Halloween at Petco in Paoli is 8 week old Charlie who is fostered by Ragen and Chris Durante

Right: Spay and Save participated in "Clear the Shelters" Day on August 29th at the Ivy Ridge Pet Valu in Roxborough. Thanks to Natalie Lebar, and Joan Carr, co-coordinator, Clare Morrison, Michele Scalzo for working the event! Thanks to Joan Carr and Susan Coyne for bringing the kitties.



Fall Flea Treatments

Successful Flea Treatment

Dr. Anna Coffin says that successful flea control begins with prevention. Flea medication, used properly, is the best way to prevent an infestation in your home all year around. If you have a flea infestation, it is important to treat all pets in your house, even if they don't go outside and treat your home and yard. :"

Editors Note: Also the Exterminator had me prepare the house for the extermination. I Vacuumed the night before and then removed the bag from the vacuum in the garage and replaced it with a new one. I washed all cat bedding and my own as well and every throw rug in the house. Hot water kills the fleas. I washed the house cats in flea soap and warm water.

After the extermination I have vacuumed three more times, replacing the vacuum bag each time, to remove any eggs or dead fleas. I was told not to damp mop any hardwood or tile floors for a week so the chemical will remain on them until you can feel safe that the infestation is under control. Do not shampoo carpets for the carpets will absorb the chemicals and continue killing as long as it remains on them.

I had to remove all the cats from the house for four hours and when I returned, I cleaned all surfaces where food is handled.

I am sorry to say there is no organic way to eliminate fleas in your house unless you and the cats just move out or you turn off the heat and freeze the fleas out.

Here's to cold weather and the demise of the Flea.

Holiday Fundraising Events

Holiday Fundraising events this year will probably be few and far between because any increase in the Covid Virus may keep people away. Yet the virus has resulted in record adoptions. So Fundraising will be especially important so we can meet the need. So volunteer to help out or at least donate to Spay and Save at SpayandSave.org

Photos with Santa

Bring both Dogs and Cats to the Plymouth Meeting Mall for that photo with Santa. Also we need volunteers to Gift Wrap on these dates.

Monday November 30th

Monday December 7

Monday December 14

From 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM



Because this newsletter comes out in the beginning of November some of the Holiday fundraising events are not yet finalized. So watch your email for events like **Boscovs Friends Helping Friends** Volunteers are needed for all such events.

Hospice Pet and the Girl Scouts



Giving Back To Those
Who Love Us
Unconditionally

HAARBOR is a 501(c)3 nonprofit. Our name stands for Helping Ailing Animals Receive Best Options for Rescue. The purpose of this website is to provide interested adopters with a list of elderly, special-needs, hard-to-place, and hospice animals that are currently hoping for adoption or foster across the country. "Less adoptable" senior and special-needs animals are euthanized every day at shelters across the country. These animals deserve a soft spot in a home where they can be loved until it is their time. No animal should spend its last days in a shelter! Special needs and hospice animals ask for so little but give so much!

<https://www.hospicepet.com/new-home>



Scouting has taken quite a beating recently resulting with the demise of the Boy Scouts of America. It looks like the Girl Scouts are still doing fine and hopefully will continue to encourage young women.

Troup 7079 recently just spent some time making beds for Spay and Save foster cats and kittens.

Thank you, young ladies we greatly appreciate your efforts.

The Loss of Jenny

EriKa and Marni Spotts post about the loss of their cat Jenny

Erica's post: It has taken me a couple of days to share the loss of our beloved Kitty, Jenny, but Marni said it best with her note that I am simply sharing below. Jenny was definitely one of a kind - from humble beginnings to traveling the world with us. As a kitten, she brought us hope and light during those sad days after 9/11. Who would have ever thought she would live such an exciting life. We were the lucky ones though to have her companionship for so many years. Rest in peace my dear, free-spirited Jenny. Forever in my ♥

Marni's post: Jenny died August 27th. She was almost 20 years old. She has had quite an adventurous life. Born on my family's farm in Bavaria, I got her for my birthday in 2001 while we were living in Vienna. She was born in a barn and when we brought her home it took a couple of flea baths to rid her of her infestation, but that did not wash away her lively charm. While living in Vienna, she was only allowed indoors. She enjoyed climbing curtains jumping on top of high closets and cabinets and tearing down the Christmas tree. She found a best friend in Jessie, our golden retriever, who passed a few years ago. She liked to sleep amongst my stuffed animals and terrorize my best friend the first time she slept over. She LOVED taking empty yogurt containers out of the recycling, dragging them to the couch and licking the leftover yogurt out of them. She never brought the containers back to the recycling, though.

When we moved back to the US, she became an indoor/outdoor cat - FREEDOM - FINALLY - is probably what she thought. She became the alpha of the house and the grounds. She may have only weighed 5 lbs. in the summer, but she hunted mice, frogs, snakes, rabbits, and squirrels. She was quite the terror outdoors, but it helped calm her wild side when inside. She loved cuddles and sleeping on your head. She also loved going on walks when we would walk the dogs. She never strayed far from home and she always made me feel at home. She was a deep connection and constant reminder to my life overseas. I will miss her terribly. She had an amazing life. ♥



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event Location	Coordinators
1 st Saturday	Gateway Pet Valu (Dogs)	Theresa Lare
1 st Saturday	Limerick PETCO	Alicia Ferraioli/Gaby Bold
5 th Saturday	Paoli PETCO	Ragan Durante
5 th Saturday	Conshohocken Pet Valu	Beth Licata
2 nd Saturday	Gateway Pet Valu	Janet Lynch
2 nd Saturday	Exton PETCO	Chris Daniels
3 rd Saturday	Limerick PETCO	Madelyn Ferraioli
4 th Saturday	Perk Valley Pet Eatery	Susan Trombadore
4 th Saturday	Roxborough Pet Valu	C Daniels/Joan Carr
4 th Saturday	Blue Bell Pet Valu (Dogs)	Paula Wenke
TBA	Blue Bell Pet Valu	Helma Godel
2 nd & 4 th Saturday	Thorndale Pet Valu	Sara Sikora

Dr. David Littlejohn has participated on our neutering/spaying program for years. He has always been a staunch supporter of our organization. Over a year ago, his wife died. He sent this photo of her stone. He had the cat statue that was her favorite actually placed into the stone with the inscription above. Dr Littlejohn owns O'Neal Animal Hospital in University City.



Christmas is Coming



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