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The Holidays are Fast Approaching...

By Greg Schneider

Happy, Healthy Holidays For You and Your Pet!

Since this is the season to be merry, it should be a time for joy and merriment for everyone—including the family dog. But the holidays present some annual dilemmas for our canine companions. The season introduces a host of new sights, sounds and smells that can disrupt their routine. Fortunately, there are some simple tips to help you ensure your dog's safety:

Holiday Food Problems:

- Don't give your dog rich foods. During the holidays we want to share "goodies" with our dogs, but they can trigger life-threatening illnesses.
- Resist the temptation to give your dog cooked bones of any type, especially those from a turkey or chicken.
- Put the chocolates away—out of sight and reach of the family dog. It's hospitable to have trays of candies and chocolates on tables for guests, but chocolate is toxic to dogs. It can lead to vomiting, diarrhea, and even death.

Other Toxic Items:

- Keep holiday plants away from your dog. Many, such as mistletoe and the amaryllis, are toxic. Depending upon the size of your dog, a nibble can lead to illness or death.
- Sometimes we put our dog in the garage when we have guests. Make certain that antifreeze is not on the floor where your dog can reach it. Dogs like the taste of antifreeze and will sometimes open a container with their teeth. It is extremely toxic, and takes very little to kill a dog, so take the necessary precautions.

Guests and Commotion:

- A dog's routine is drastically changed over the holidays. Dogs are creatures of habit, so when guests and excitement arrive, the family dog might display uncharacteristic unruly or aggressive behavior. Be aware of potential problems—and never leave a dog alone with small children.
- Train your dog to sit quietly near the front door when the doorbell rings. A barking and jumping dog is not appreciated by most guests.
- Provide some new gifts for your dog to occupy his time when guests arrive. Toys such as a Buster Cube are nearly indestructible and will distract your dog for a long period.
- Walk your dog before guests arrive. A one to two mile walk generally will result in the dog taking a nap as guests arrive.
- The holidays often result in dogs uncharacteristically toileting in the house. Excitement, excessive doggie treats, inadvertent table scraps, and distractions that result in forgetting to take the dog outside all contribute to the problem. Take the necessary steps to ensure your dog gets the proper attention. Don't alter his normal food type or schedule, and avoid the urge to give him table scraps. That's asking for trouble.



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Christmas Tree Hazards:

- Don't let your dog drink water from the base of the tree. Chemicals to help the tree stay fresh and pine sap can cause health problems.
- Hang non-breakable ornaments near the bottom of the tree. This will prevent a potential disaster from an inquisitive canine or a dog's over-active tail-wagging that can wipe out an entire limb full of precious ornaments.
- New electrical cords that light the tree and other decorations are an irresistible curiosity. Train your dog not to go near them, or use a safe repellent such as Bitter Apple.
- Tinsel is new and exciting to dogs. Unfortunately it can twist in the intestines and cause serious problems. It's best to use it sparingly or not at all.
- Male dogs will frequently "mark" the new tree. It's best to make the tree area "off limits" to eliminate the possibility of any problems.



Puppies:

- Thousands of puppies are given as gifts during the holidays. Unfortunately, many of them end up at animal shelters—or worse. Before giving a dog as a gift, consider the environment and lifestyle of the recipients and pick a breed that's the best fit. Talk to your veterinarian, dog trainer, or local shelter for more information.
- If you are on the receiving end of a new puppy, recognize that a dog takes a lot of time and money for care, feeding, play, medical attention, and training.
- Almost any training is better than none. Many books and video tapes are excellent. Hiring a trainer shortens the process and helps ensure results.

Because we humans are distracted during the holidays, we tend to forget the needs of our canine companies. Frequently, we put the dog outside to get the pooch out of the way, and sometimes forget that temperatures can drop very quickly in the winter. The message from these tips is to plan ahead. If we think about what's best for our dogs—like we would for a child—then everyone will enjoy the holidays, including our furry friends.

Greg Schneider is a dog behavioral therapist and a Columbus-area representative for BarkBusters Home Dog Training. For more information on dog bite prevention or dog training programs, visit www.barkbusters.com or call (877) 500-BARK.

Model Contest Seeking Entries

Don't forget to enter next issue's contest today! Email your name, address, pet's name, a paragraph or two about your pet, and attach a high-resolution photo to Chris@Animal-Outreach.org One entry per person. Ohio residents only, please.

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Our programs focus on raising public awareness of pet overpopulation and encouraging the spaying and neutering of pets.

Animal Outreach also operates a Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP) which helps cover the cost of spay and neuter surgeries for those who are unable to afford it.

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Heartworm Disease in Cats and Dogs

Separation Anxiety

Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease in cats and dogs throughout the world. The female worm is 6-14 inches long, and an infected dog may have as many as 300 in the heart or adjacent blood vessels. Cats usually have much fewer worms, but as few as two worms can cause severe disease and even death.

The disease is not spread directly from pet to pet. An intermediate host (the mosquito) is needed for transmission. Dogs serve as the reservoir for heartworms, meaning a mosquito biting an infected dog can spread the disease to other dogs and cats. Although cats do become infected with heartworms, the worms cannot complete their life cycle in the cat. The number of dogs infected and the length of the mosquito season are important factors in the prevalence of the disease in any given area. In the United States, infection rates in dogs are 15-20%, but can approach 50% in some areas. The prevalence in cats is about 5-15%; in Knox County, OH, the infection rate is almost 10%. Recent scientific information has shown no statistical difference in indoor versus outdoor cats.

Effects and Symptoms

Adult worms cause disease by clogging the heart and major blood vessels leading from the heart. They also interfere with the valve action in the heart. By clogging the main blood vessels, the blood supply to other organs of the body is reduced, particularly the lungs, liver, and kidneys.

Most cats and dogs infected with heartworms do not show any signs of disease. Unfortunately, by the time signs are seen the disease is well advanced. The signs of heartworm disease depend on the number of adult worms present, the location of the worms, the length of time the worms have been present, and the degree of damage to the heart, lungs, liver, and kidneys.

In dogs, the most obvious signs are a soft, dry, chronic cough, shortness of breath, weakness, nervousness, listlessness, and loss of stamina. All of these signs are most noticeable following exercise. In advanced cases, where there is congestive heart failure, there may be swelling of the abdomen and the legs from fluid accumulation. There also may be evidence of weight loss, poor condition, and anemia. Severely infected dogs may die suddenly during exertion or excitement.

In cats, the clinical signs are often vague and intermittent. Some of the signs are difficulty breathing, coughing, vomiting, sudden collapse, or blood clots. Unfortunately, the most common presentation in clinically normal cats is sudden death.

Diagnosis

In most cases, whether there are signs of the disease or not, a diagnosis of heartworm disease can be made by a relatively simple blood test in dogs. A blood sample is examined under the microscope for the presence of microfilariae or an antigen test is used to detect the presence of adult worms in the heart. Dogs should be tested annually and, depending on the preventative that they are on, might need to be tested before they start their preventative. It is important to check with your veterinarian about your dog's testing schedule. In clinically normal cats, however, the available tests are difficult to interpret and are generally not performed annually. If your cat is ill, your veterinarian may suggest a heartworm test to rule out this disease.

Treatment

There is some risk involved in treating dogs with heartworms, although fatalities are rare. There is currently no approved treatment for heartworm disease in cats, other than oral steroids and good supportive care. In dogs, treatment involves hospitalization and treatment to destroy the adult worms, complete rest for one month following treatment, subsequent treatment to destroy the microfilariae, and retesting for both microfilariae and adult heartworms. In cases of heartworm disease with advanced kidney or liver disease, or where the reactions to medication used to treat the adult heartworms is too severe, heart surgery can be performed to remove as many of the adult worms as possible. Because such dogs are in poor condition the survival rate is not good. However, surgery is sometimes the only alternative left to try to save the dog's life. In dogs with severe heartworm disease, it may be necessary to treat them with antibiotics, special diets, diuretics (to remove fluid accumulations), and digitalis to improve heart function prior to treatment for the heartworms. Dogs in which there is severe heart disease may need lifetime treatment for the diseased heart even after the heartworms are destroyed.

Prevention

The number one way to protect your pet from the potentially fatal effects of heartworm disease is to use a preventative. Chewable, topical (skin application), and injectable products are available for both cats and dogs. Ask your veterinarian about your preventative options.

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Spotlight on: Kids 'n' Canines

By Jill Herbst

Since March of 2000, Kids 'n' Canines has enhanced the abilities of special needs students at Walnut Springs Middle School in Westerville, Ohio, while providing an effective child-based 'train for adoption' program for homeless dogs. Animal Outreach recently asked Executive Director Gale Haugh a few questions about this life-changing organization.

AO: What is Kids 'N' Canines?

GH: The Kids 'n' Canines program is a non-traditional therapeutic intervention for students diagnosed with severe handicapping conditions including severe emotional disabilities, cognitive disabilities, learning disabilities, autism and Asperger Syndrome, and other health impairments for whom traditional educational, medical and mental health treatments have not been entirely successful.

AO: How did Kids 'N' Canines start?

GH: Our initial program model was developed by Dr. Bonita Bergin in 1995 at her Assistance Dog Institute in California. Her 'High Schooled Assistance Dog' program helped at-risk teens overcome severe conduct problems by caring for and training service dogs. For two years, Kids 'n' Canines operated as a project of Golden Dogs Academy in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to train and place twelve service dogs with needy physically handicapped individuals. In 2003, we established a collaboration with Citizens for Humane Action (CHA) animal shelter. This year we adopted the local chapter of Dogs Deserve Better (a national program dedicated to rescuing dogs who are forced to live out their lives chained or penned outdoors) as an additional collaborator.



AO: How is the program structured?

GH: Students are selected for the program through consultation with school officials, intervention specialists and parents. After the initial testing and observation period, students begin dog-training classes with a master trainer/animal behaviorist. Certified therapy dogs and dogs from the shelter are used to demonstrate aspects of dog behavior, communication, socialization, safety and temperament.

The program also emphasizes outreach to the public on responsible pet ownership, humane treatment of animals, and dog safety through student presentations in schools and the community. Throughout the school year, students make 16 bi-monthly presentations to over 500 children in grades 1-6. In 2003 we partnered with Wesley Glenn Retirement Center to make bi-monthly therapy dog visits to their facility as enrichment for confined residents.

We expanded the program in 2004 to include summer 'dog camps,' held at the CHA shelter to provide community service opportunities for high school students. This summer three, two-week sessions were held.

AO: How does Kids 'N' Canines change lives... both human and canine?

GH: Through our work:

- Handicapped children improve their participation in school by engaging in interdisciplinary activities, resulting in improved grade point averages, increased attendance, increased participation with non-handicapped peers and fewer disciplinary interventions.
- Handicapped children build self esteem by improving their interpersonal and communication skills, allowing them to participate more fully in school, community, and home events.
- Project dogs from CHA and DDB are trained to become loving family companions, resulting in increased permanent adoptions of these homeless dogs.

AO: Are there any plans to expand the program and involve other schools or organizations?

GH: We actually do not have plans to expand the program at Walnut Springs Middle School, but rather have chosen to make the components of our program

available to other interested organizations wishing to replicate our model. We are constantly adding more components of the program to our website. For more information, visit at www.KidsNCanines.org.

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1st Saturday of every month, Cause For Paws is at Petsmart, 6010 Sawmill Rd., Dublin, 12 to 3 p.m.

Bingo Anyone?

Every Tuesday & Friday, go play Forgotten4Paws Bingo! Doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo begins at 7. Located at the VFW Hall, 1131 Sugar Grove Rd. in Lancaster.

October

...is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

7 Westie Walk

A gathering of Westie owners and their friends for fun and fellowship. Sponsored by WOOOF (Westies of OH Fundraisers) www.WestieWalk.org

Boxer Bash 2007!

Join the Greater Ohio Boxer Rescue in Dayton for Boxer Bash 2007! Adoptions, games, auctions, food, demonstrations, and more! Visit www.GOBoxerRescue.com for info.

8 First Mingle in Dayton

Mingle with our Mutts is coming to Dayton! Meet homeless adoptable dogs and cats, puppies and kittens too! Gem City Dog Obedience Club, 1654 Springfield St., Dayton, from 12 to 2 p.m.

Mingle with our Mutts, 12 to 2 p.m., Bark Til Dark Dog Park, 1277 Hills-Miller Rd., Delaware.

14 Cozy Cat Cottage Silent Auction and Wine Tasting

Join CCC for wine, food & fun at Cedarbrook Garden Center, 6058 Glick Rd. in Powell. Tickets can be purchased in advance (\$25/person, \$45/couple) or at the door (\$30/\$55). For info, call 614.325.4227, or visit www.CozyCatCottage.com

Dog Walkathon & Fun Day

Join the Knox County Humane Society at Riverside Park in Mt. Vernon from 1 to 4 p.m. for the 4th Annual Dog Walkathon & Fun Day! Contests, an obstacle course, photos & fun! Admission is \$10, all proceeds benefit Knox County Humane Society. Visit www.KnoxHumaneSociety.org

15 Mingle with our Mutts, 12 to 2 p.m., Franklin County Dog Shelter, 1731 Alum Creek Dr., Columbus. For more info, visit www.MingleWithOurMutts.org

16 National Feral Cat Day
National Feral Cat Day is a special day for those who advocate non-lethal feline population control. www.nationalferalcatday.org

19 Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic (Cats)
Cozy Cat Cottage, 62 Village Pointe Dr., Powell. Males \$35, Females \$45. Register and pay in advance: 614.336.8510

20 PAWS on the Catwalk...
Come downtown to the Columbus Hyatt Regency to watch our animals strut their stuff on the runway! It's a live fashion show with a silent auction, wine & dinner. Proceeds benefit Capital Area Humane Society. Visit www.CAHS-Pets.org

Calendar of Events

October – December 2006

29 Halloween Pet Parade
Get your little ghouls and goblins ready for the most exciting costume contest of the year! Join CAHS at Easton Town Center, 1 to 3 p.m. Visit www.CAHS-Pets.org for more info.

November

...is Adopt a Senior Pet Month

5 & 19 Mingle with our Mutts, 12 to 2 p.m., Franklin County Dog Shelter, 1731 Alum Creek Dr., Columbus.

11 Dinner/Auction at Der Dutchman
Join the Humane Society of Madison County for dinner and an

auction at Der Dutchman! Tickets pre-sale only, call 740.852.PETS or visit www.hsmcOhio.com for info.

13 Mingle with our Mutts, 12 to 2 p.m., Bark Til Dark Dog Park, 1277 Hills-Miller Rd., Delaware

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December

2 & 3, 16 & 17

Pet Pictures with Santa, The Humane Society of Madison County will be at Petsmart, 5336 Westpointe Plaza Dr., Columbus, for pictures with Santa! www.hsmcOhio.com

2 & 3, 9 & 10

Pet Pictures with Santa, Capital Area Humane Society will be having Pet Portraits with Santa at area PetPeople locations. For more info., visit www.CAHS-Pets.org

3 & 17 Mingle with our Mutts, 12 to 2 p.m., Franklin County Dog Shelter, 1731 Alum Creek Dr., Columbus.

9 Ohio Pug Rescue Fundraising Day
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 1285 Polaris Parkway, Columbus. For more info, visit www.OhioPugRescue.com

10 Mingle with our Mutts, 12 to 2 p.m., Bark Til Dark Dog Park, 1277 Hills-Miller Rd., Delaware


17 Ohio Pug Rescue Fundraising Day
1 to 5 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 3280 Tremont Rd., Columbus. For info, visit www.OhioPugRescue.com

We want to know about your organization's events! You can submit information online at www.Animal-Outreach.org, email it to Calendar@Animal-Outreach.org, or mail it to Animal Outreach, P.O. Box 892, Westerville, Ohio 43086.

Be sure to include the date, time, location and any other relevant details!

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On the Wild Side:

At Summer's End, Helping Wildlife Survive Cold Weather

By Margaret Baird

Beyond providing the traditional seed and suet feeders for birds and small mammals, there are plenty of other modest efforts you can make around your yard to help an even greater variety of wild animals survive harsh weather conditions.

Keep Those Fading Flowers

This year, hold off on nipping and tucking your garden beds or patio container plantings until springtime, and resist combing your yard clean of leaf litter. Put yourself in an animal's position: Just when the going gets tough, potential winter food and cover sources are removed, leaving a bleak and uninviting landscape in which to survive the cold months.

But if you leave dead stalks, leaves, and seedheads standing in your yard, garden, or apartment balcony, you will not only feed and nourish wildlife but also provide much needed cover for many species of wild animals struggling to survive amid the winter's dropping temperatures.

Large seedheads like those of black-eyed Susans, sedums, purple coneflowers, joe-pye weed, and sunflowers are especially favored by wildlife as food sources. So, too, are the seeds of zinnias, marigolds, cosmos, phlox, and dianthus. As they often remain green well into winter, hardy ferns can be especially valuable as both cover and a food source, while berry-producing plants such as bayberries, junipers, and cotoneasters are year-round favorites for many species, particularly birds.

Here's an added bonus you may not have considered: Leaving plant material in your garden beds can lend beauty and texture to an otherwise drab winter setting. In particular, the tall, wavy, golden shapes of ornamental grasses and sedges such as feather reed grass, switch grass, little bluestem, and broom sedge can be magnificent to behold in the autumn landscape, and are perfectly lovely beneath a powdery dusting of snow. Many wildlife species will readily forage the seeds of grasses, and birds will pluck old stalks and foliage for use as nest-building material in the spring.

Leave the Leaves

Think of fallen leaves as an organic windfall for your yard and garden. While you may want to remove at least some of the accumulated leaf litter from your yard—depending on whether your property contains many trees or just a few—know that small, deep piles of leaves can provide cozy nests for hibernating reptiles, amphibians, and insects; make a cost-effective, water-conserving mulch for garden beds; and are ideal additions to a compost pile.

For mulch, leave the leaves where they fall or, better yet, shred and spread them uniformly in your garden. To best improve soil fertility and retain moisture, aim for about two to three inches in depth with mulches of any kind.

Give 'Em Shelter

With the gradual loss of foliage in autumn, wild animals face an increasingly critical need for adequate shelter and cover from predators. Building a brush pile is an easy and inexpensive way to clear your yard of stray branches and twigs, and the results will provide a safe haven for ground-nesting birds, reptiles and amphibians, insects, and small mammals such as chipmunks, rabbits, and skunks.

In choosing a site for your brush pile, pick a spot in an out-of-the-way corner of your property, preferably close to food sources and away from buildings. Starting with a layer of larger limbs, stack branches loosely, adding vegetation and leaves on top—this will create plenty of nooks and crannies so that animals of various sizes may enter and find a snug refuge from severe weather. And although it will occasionally be disturbed through the cold weather months, a firewood pile also functions well as shelter for wildlife. Just pile your logs crisscross fashion in order to create internal spaces that invite your wild neighbors to come in from the cold.

Water Sources

Year round, water remains one of the most important and beneficial elements you can provide for wildlife. While it stands to reason that animals are drawn to water sources when the weather is warm, it doesn't occur to many folks that access to water is probably even more crucial for birds and mammals when the mercury dips, since reliable watering holes often dry up or ice over.

Providing water close to home can prevent animals from having to search far to satisfy their thirst—thereby saving them valuable caloric energy, which may mean the difference between life and death on the coldest nights. Investing in a quality heater for your bird bath or artificial pond will keep water ice-free and undoubtedly reward you with a veritable stream of wildlife activity in your sanctuary.

As the temperature starts to drop and you reach for your favorite sweater or that warm bowl of soup, don't forget about your wild neighbors. Just like us, they need a warm place to curl up and some comfort food, too.

For more information about living humanely with your wild neighbors, visit The HSUS Urban Wildlife pages at www.hsus.org/wildlife/



Homeward Bound: Adoptable Animals

Wishbone

Hi! My name is Wishbone and I'm a Rat Terrier. For the record, I'm not a rat. I'm a really sweet guy, around 2-years-old and weigh 14 pounds. I love adults and children. I haven't made up my mind about kitties though, but I can surely try if it means finding a forever home!



Happy Tails

Happy Tails is an all-breed rescue group that saves dogs and cats from kill shelters, gets them vetted, and either transports them to other no-kill rescue groups or fosters them ourselves until they are adopted into loving homes. Happy Tails of Central Ohio is staffed 100% by non-paid volunteers.

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Call 614.457.1124

or visit www.HappyTailsOfCO.com



Betty Lou

Hello! I'm Betty Lou! I'm a spayed Terrier mix. I'm about a year old, 20 pounds and crate trained! I was saved from Meigs County Dog Pound, cured of parvo and was once adopted. My new owners dumped me, but I found my way back to Happy Tails for another chance.

I'm a really nice, loving girl, young and playful, and I really want a new forever home. I'm good with children and adults. I even know how to sit on command!



Lucky

Hi! My name is Lucky. I'm a 4-year-old neutered male Rat Terrier. I weigh 20 pounds, and I'm house trained. I was surrendered to the dog pound by a family who can't afford to take care of me, so they wanted me to find a new loving home that could. I love to snuggle, and I get along with

adults, children and I think even kitties. I would be a great family pet. Please pick me to be your new BEST FRIEND.

For a list of shelters, rescues & other adoptable pets, visit: www.Animal-Outreach.org



Violet

Violet is a gorgeous and playful young cat whose previous home surrendered her because she is terrified of their dogs. She is fine with other cats and wonderful with people, but she needs a home with no dogs.

Polo

Polo was found wandering on the highway, starving. He's around a year, to a year and a half old. He's great with kids, adults, other dogs, and even cats! He loves to play and he's not hyper. He also loves to snuggle. Everyone who meets him instantly falls in love with his sweet personality and affectionate nature.



Westside Strays

Westside Strays is a network of volunteers and foster homes in Central Ohio who rescue and adopt out strays and other unwanted pets. All of our dogs and cats are vaccinated and spayed/neutered before adoption.

We have no shelter facility; all of our animals are kept in private foster homes, and are evaluated for health and temperament prior to adoption.

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Carol

Carol and her 3 kittens were found living under a car last winter. Her kittens are adopted, and Carol's been spayed, vaccinated, and is looking for the right home. She is very affectionate with people, and will tolerate other cats and dogs. She is a beautiful cat and would love to curl up on your lap.

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Frisky Feline Math

In one year, two frisky felines are capable of spawning three litters of kittens. Each litter could be as large as four to six kittens... That's 18 kittens per year from just one female cat!

Sure they're cute and cuddly... Everyone loves kittens!

But what happens when those kittens quickly mature and start having their own litters? The same rate applies. Imagine those 18 kittens having 18 kittens, EACH! All the while, Mom and Dad are still having litters, and the old kittens and the new kittens have litters and their litters have litters and so-on.



Fast-forward seven years, the population has quickly spiraled out of control to the tune of 420,000 unaltered felines... still having more and more. All of this started with two unaltered cats!

The Humane Society of the United States estimates that 6 to 8 millions dogs and cats will enter shelters each year. Only half of them will live out their lives in new homes. The other half will be disposed of for lack of space.

Please Spay or Neuter Your Pets!

Animal Quackups

What kind of cats like to go bowling?
Alley cats!

Did you hear about the cowboy who got himself a dachshund?

Everyone kept telling him to get a long, little doggie.

Did you know...

A cat in a hurry can sprint at about 31 MPH.
A cat's normal body temperature is 101.5 degrees F.
To drink, a cat laps liquid from the underside of its tongue, rather than the top.

An estimated 1 million dogs in the United States have been named the primary beneficiary in their owner's will.
The name of the dog from "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" is Max.
Using their swiveling ears like radar dishes, experiments have shown that dogs can locate the source of a sound in 6/100ths of a second.

The real measure of a day's heat is the length of a sleeping cat.
- Charles J. Brady



Don't forget to renew your Dog Licenses!

According to Ohio law, all dog licenses are to be renewed between December 1st and January 31st. That means that any new or existing dog in your household, over the age of 3 months, needs to be licensed by your County Auditor.

Don't have the time? Cost too much? The price can double if you wait too long!

If that isn't motivation enough, how about some peace of mind? If your dog is lost or runs away, chances are good they will end up at your county Dog Warden. By law, Dog Wardens are required to notify you by mail that they have your dog. They also have to wait 14 days before deciding the future of your pet—which could mean adopting them out to someone else, or destroying them for lack of space. **Show your Best Friend that YOU care! Get your licenses today!**



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