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PAW-SOME PET NEWS

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Safety, Smiles and Summer Pet Care



Open Your Heart This June —

Adopt-A-Cat Month

June is Adopt-A-Cat Month — the universe's gentle nudge that your home might be missing a whiskered roommate. Every spring and summer, shelters across the country fill with kittens and adult cats looking for a safe, loving home.

Adopt-A-Cat Month is the perfect time to shine a light on these wonderful companions — and to remind our community how much joy a whiskered friend can bring.

Thinking About Adopting?

- Make sure you have time for daily care, enrichment, and bonding.
- Prepare a quiet, safe space for your new cat to decompress.
- Schedule a new-pet exam so we can help you start off on the right paw.
- Stock up on essentials: litter, scratching posts, toys, and high-quality food.

Summer Tips for Dogs and Cats

Beat the Heat

- Walk dogs early morning or late evening
- Keep outdoor time short during peak heat
- Provide shade and plenty of fresh water
- Watch for heatstroke signs: heavy panting, drooling, vomiting, collapse

Protect Those Paws

- Pavement gets dangerously hot
- Use the 5-second rule: if it's too hot for your hand, it's too hot for paws
- Stick to grass or shaded paths



Meet Thor



Say hello to Thor, a recently adopted long-haired gray kitten who is full of life and personality. This spunky little guy keeps everyone smiling with his playful energy and love for toys.

Thor's bright spirit and boundless curiosity make him a joy to be around — and it's no surprise he's already thriving in his new home.

Don't forget the prevention

- Summer is prime time for fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes
- Keep dogs and cats on monthly preventatives
- Check for ticks after hikes or yard time
- Heartworm prevention is essential

June Is Pet Preparedness Month

This is a great time to remind families to include their pets in emergency plans and to make sure they have a dedicated pet emergency kit ready to go. From food and water to ID tags, medical records, and a favorite toy to reduce stress, a well-stocked kit can make all the difference during an unexpected event.

Here are some ways that you can keep your pet prepared:

- Make sure microchip information is current for quick reunification if needed.
- Keep updated photos and digital records to help identify pets if separated during a disaster.
- Know where pet-friendly shelters or boarding options are located ahead of time.

Pet Appreciation Week — Let's See Those Adorable Faces!

We love celebrating the pets who make our days brighter. In honor of Pet Appreciation Week, we want to see your furry, and whiskered family members!

Share a photo of your pet on our Facebook page (Under the Pet Appreciation Week post) and help us fill our feed with cuteness. Whether they're snoozing, being silly, or showing off their best pose. Let's make this week a joyful celebration of loveable pets.

Taking a summer snooze

We are taking a little summer break from the monthly newsletter and social media.

We will be back in your inbox in September. Until then, I hope you and your furry friends enjoy a happy, safe, and sunshine-filled summer!

Looking Ahead to the 4th of July:

Plan Ahead for Anxious Pets

Fireworks may be fun for us, but for many pets they're a source of real fear. As we get closer to the 4th of July holiday, this is your gentle reminder to plan ahead if your dog or cat struggles with noise anxiety.

If your pet has a history of anxiety during fireworks, now is the time to pick up their medication so they're prepared well before the 4th of July.

- Create a safe, quiet space
- Refill anxiety meds early
- Try calming aids like pheromone diffusers

Let us know if you would like help getting medication ordered or if you would like to pick them up. Have a safe fourth of July from all of us at BCVS!



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