

Hypothermia & Frostbite

It's important to recognize the signs of Hypothermia and Frostbite, and what you can do in those moments to help your pet.

Risks & Symptoms:

Those most susceptible to hypothermia and frostbite are newborns, seniors, and sick pets. Symptoms for hypothermia to keep an eye out for include shivering, whining, anxiety, lethargy, difficulty breathing, and fixed or dilated pupils. Similarly, symptoms of frostbite can come across as your pet having pale/blue skin due to lack of blood flow, there is ice around the affected area, or the affected area is cold or brittle to the touch.

Prevention:

The best way to prevent hypothermia and frostbite is to not expose your pet to extreme, cold weather for an extended period. Remember, newborns, elderly, or sick pets are incredibly susceptible. Keep them warm and away from drafts as much as possible.



Chill Out!

Discover ways to navigate the winter season with ease. Plus product suggestions you can find in store!

Cold Weather, Your Pets, and You

Winter brings with it all kinds of concerns regarding how the weather will affect you and your family. Your pet is certainly no exception. Here we will expand on a few tips to ensure a safe season for everyone involved.

Know Limits; Stay! Inside

All pets are different. How your pet reacts to cold weather may not be the same for another. Recognize your pet's needs and adjust them accordingly. Those with long coats are generally more tolerant of cold, while those with short fur (or short legs) will feel the cold that much faster and may require a sweater or jacket for trips outdoors. The idea that some pets are more tolerant to inclement weather than humans is simply untrue. Like you, your pet is susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia if left outside for too long. No pet should be left outdoors for an extended period, especially in below freezing weather.

Check Paws

Cold weather can cause injury and damage to paw pads. It is extremely important to check the paws before and after walks for any signs

of cracking or bleeding. It's also a good idea to cover the paw pads in a protectant like Pet Releaf™ Canna Care, or NaturVet® Tender Foot cream. Both products provide moisture to clear/prevent cracks in the skin using natural ingredients. To prevent any ice or salt build-up between toes that can cause irritation and pain, you can trim the hairs with a small scissors. Use a friend if your pet is squirmy!

Our crew cannot stop raving about Pet Releaf™ CBD! Canna Care is a cannabinoid infused balm that helps soothe the pain of irritated or inflamed areas on your pet. It's certainly our Top Pick for fast "relief" from any topical ailment! Mention this newsletter to get 10% off your first jar today!

Another tried and true method to protect the paws from the elements are boots. We recommend Protex Pawz®. These rubber booties are reusable, disposable, waterproof, and 100% biodegradable. They stay secure on the foot and allow your pet to maintain sensation with the ground beneath them.

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Solutions for Bad Breath

1. **PlaqueOff** – Dehydrated kelp that works with your animals saliva to break down plaque AND tartar! This is our #1 suggestion for simple, long term dental health.
2. **Raw Diet** – Feeding raw, such as Primal, Tuckers, or Instinct will help with dental health. They contain enzymes that help break down plaque and do not contain starches that can lead to plaque build up.
3. **Raw Marrow Bones** – Unlike other bones, raw bones do not contain starches that can contribute to plaque build up and will help scrape off the plaque as well as massage their gums.
4. **Tropiclean** – Water additives help with stinky breath, as well as brushes and toothpaste to use for maintenance.
5. **Merrick Fresh Kisses** – these come in 2 different flavors: Spearmint and Peppermint with Coconut Oil. Coconut oil helps fight gum disease and attacks harmful bacterial! *Dog Treat - Will not work for Cats*

Products work best in conjunction with consistent brushing.



Pooches with Smelly Smooches?

We got you covered! February is Dental Health Awareness and your furry friends breath might tell you more than you realize!

Pictured is Grizzy, a 7 month old Bernedoodle showing off his handsome smile!

Bad Breath: Why Brushing May Not be Enough

Dental Health Awareness Month is not just for humans! Everyone has a dental routine in place, but do you have one for your furry friends?

Brushing your animals teeth can be a daunting task! Depending on the animal, you may need more than one person! However, unless you are brushing at least three times a week, the plaque build up might be greater than what you are brushing away! That is where we come in! We have the knowledge and the options to make sure we find the perfect dental solution for you and your furry friend!

Plaque VS. Tartar

Plaque build up is primarily caused by starches in your animals food and treats. Plaque can be removed with a toothbrush and some build up is generally considered normal.

Tartar is the calcified version of plaque that results when plaque goes untreated. Tartar cannot be removed with just a toothbrush and often will require a vet visit to remove, costing you possibly thousands of dollars!

Why Dental Health is Important

When tartar build up goes untreated, it can cause bad breath, tooth decay, gum disease, and premature tooth loss. Beyond that, it can lead to infections that spread throughout the body and affect the lungs, liver, heart, and kidneys!

According to the American Veterinary Dental Society, more than 80% of dogs and 70% of cats develop gum disease by the time they are three years old!

How to Prevent Becoming a Statistic

One of our most popular dental supplements is PlaqueOff which is dehydrated Norwegian Kelp that you can sprinkle over your animals food daily. It works over time with their saliva to break down plaque AND tartar! For a 50+ lb dog, it costs less than 50 cents a day! If you mention this newsletter while purchasing PlaqueOff in store, you will receive 10% OFF that bottle! We want to help you develop your perfect dental routine, this may be a great place to start!

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MAD Myths & Far Fetched Facts

Myth: Thawing raw food with hot water and/or microwaving/cooking.

Fact: Proper thawing method for frozen raw food: Preportion daily feedings accordingly, and only up to 4 days worth in the fridge.

For immediate serving: Place frozen serving in zip lock bag and submerge in luke warm water. Using too hot of water can actually start to cook the food which will reduce the enzymatic properties and deplete the nutrient values of the raw food.

Myth: Feeding Kibble and hard treats helps remove plaque and tartar.

Fact: Our pets' teeth are biologically designed to rip and tear apart flesh, muscles, and bones. When our pets "chew" their dry kibble/hard treats, the tiny bits end up sticking to the teeth causing more tartar and plaque build up. The enzymes in raw diets help break down tartar and plaque a lot easier.

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The Raw Breakdown!

Let's reveal the truth about feeding raw food diets.

On the left: Connie Beirl-Hay's pups; Chance is her late huskey and Jude is her Shiba Inu- both fed raw diets!

On the Right: Our Store Cat Mert enjoying a Raw Goat Milk "Shamrock Shake"

Is Your Pet's Food Lacking The Proper Nutrition?

Our pets can suffer from nutrient imbalances. Just like humans, animals need protein. There are 23 essential amino acids our pets need in their daily diet. Protein contains essential amino acids that help optimize the body's functions. Taurine is an amino acid that cats need added to their diet; whether it be with raw food, canned or kibble. Raw is a natural and biologically appropriate diet that has readily available taurine among many other vitamins and minerals.

Fat is essential to the body. It helps promote healthy skin, coat, nervous, immune and cardiovascular systems. Fatty acids such as Omega 3 and 6 help manage allergies, autoimmune disorders, arthritis, yeast infections and inflammatory conditions. Moisture is also very critical to their diets, without it your pet can become dehydrated. Vitamins help boost and support the body and immune system. Our pets need 14 diverse minerals to help maintain proper health and function.

Think You've Tried Everything?

We understand the frustrations having a picky eater causes. The steps we recommend taking are:

1. Get on a regular feeding schedule.

2. Eliminate all table scraps and traditional treats. Replace with a higher enriched protein treat.
3. Adding meal toppers such as: Goats milk, Bone broth, Raw diets and Freeze dried options are very enticing food additives as well. These additives can help support gut health, enzyme regulation, joint support, and regulate body functions.

Real Talk About Real Food!

Meat, bones and organs are the essential components to a carnivore's diet. Produce always gets the short end of the stick. However, they are prime candidates to absorb vitamins and minerals from. Vitamins A & C are provided by leafy greens, broccoli, carrots and squash. Vitamin A supports eye health while vitamin C supports immune health. Blueberries and cranberries are a great source of Manganese, have anti-inflammatory properties, and support urinary tract health.

Unrefined vitamins and minerals, like the ones found in produce or even whole prey animals, are easier for the body to digest and absorb versus synthetic vitamins and mineral packs provided in other leading pet food brands.

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GET A JUMP ON FLEAS!



Explore your Options!

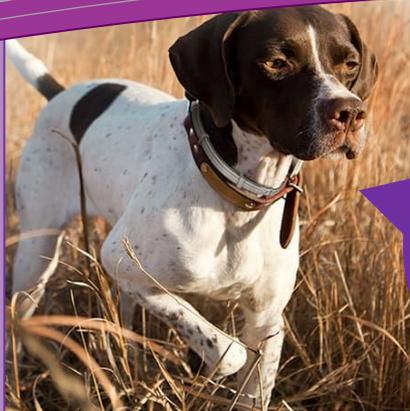
K9 Advantix: A great option for Dogs to be protected against fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes! Applied monthly, this will cost you about \$15 a month.

Advantage: An option for both cats and dogs! It protects against fleas and lice. Applied monthly, this will cost you about \$14 a month. However this will not protect against ticks and mosquitos.

Seresto: An option for both cats and dogs! It protects against fleas, ticks, and lice. This is a collar that lasts 8 months and will cost you about \$9 a month. However this will not protect against mosquitos.

Dr. Bob Goldstein's Nature's Protection:

A new herbal option that has cat and dog options! Protection comes in both collar and topical options. The collar protects for 3 months and the topical will be applied monthly. Both protect against fleas and ticks and will cost you about \$5 a month. They also carry digestible options in powders and liquids that work from the inside out!



While coupons last, you can get \$10 OFF a Seresto Collar!

Fleas belong in a circus, not in your home!

Prevention is the first step to make sure your home stays flea free!

Don't be Bugged by Fleas and Ticks this Year!

Fleas and ticks are the most frequent pet care concern when it comes to your furry friend. Fleas are an external parasite that feed on the blood of your animal. A single flea can have the life span of up to a year! In that year, they can produce millions of offspring! Ticks are a parasite as well, they feed off the blood of your animal and their bite can transmit diseases. The most common being Lyme disease, anemia, and tick paralysis.

How to Recognize a Tick Infestation

Ticks are most common in wooded areas in the spring and summer. Ticks can often go unnoticed by the host which makes it even more important to check for ticks when your furry friend comes back inside.

Most ticks can be seen by the naked eye and are about the size of a pinhead. Carefully run your hands along your furry friend to help dislodge any ticks that may have hopped onto your animal and make sure to check inside and around the ears, head, and feet. These are areas where the blood flow is closer to the surface and the ticks are more attracted to these areas.

If you think your pet has had contact or been bitten by a tick, it is best to contact your vet. Prevention is much easier than removing a tick yourself!

How to Recognize a Flea Infestation

The most common areas to see fleas on your animal are the abdomen, groin, base of the tail, and head. Symptoms of fleas can include itchy irritated skin, hair loss, scabs, hot spots, pale gums, and black "flea dirt" on the skin.

If you notice your animal has fleas, it is very important to treat them right away. If left untreated, fleas can lead to extreme blood loss and anemia. Steps we would recommend for treatment would be:

1. Treat the fleas on the animal. You can do this through an oral medication such as Capstar, a flea shampoo, or getting a preventative that kills fleas, larvae, and eggs.
2. Treat your home. You can do this with carpet powders such as Diatomaceous Earth. This will help to kill the fleas in your home and prevent them from spreading to you.
3. Avoid sulfate shampoos as they can counteract the preventative on your animal. Also your animal should avoid being in water for 24-48 hours after applying the preventative.

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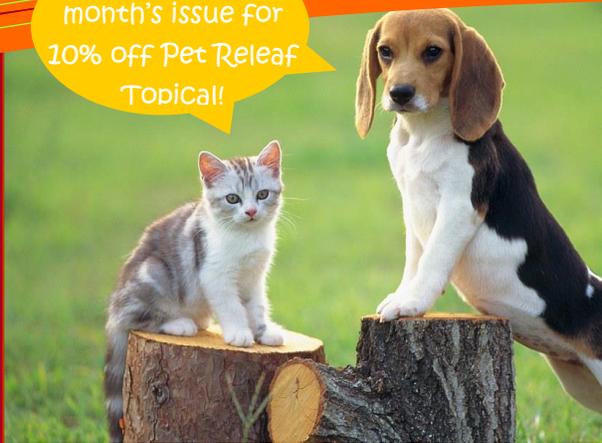
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Best in Show!

A few of our top in-store picks that you will regularly find in stock at Nashville Pet include:

- 1.) **Pet Releaf-** Our preferred line of CBD oils, capsules, treats, and topical. CBD supplements are known to help a broad spectrum of ailments such as anxiety, pain, appetite loss, seizures, is an anti-inflammatory, and helps fight cancer cells.
- 2.) **Ultra Oil-** Packed with omegas 3 (sardine), 6 (anchovy), and 9 (hempseed), this isn't your standard, fishy, skin and coat supplement. The hempseed also works as an anti-inflammatory for joint health, too!
- 3.) **Herbsmith-** We love this brand because not only is it completely natural and derived from plants (based on Eastern Medicinal practices), it's also made right here in Wisconsin; Oconomowoc to be exact!

Enrich Their Lives

We're here to give you the best suggestions for hip, joint, skin, coat, gastrointestinal, and anxiety relief!

What's Supp'?

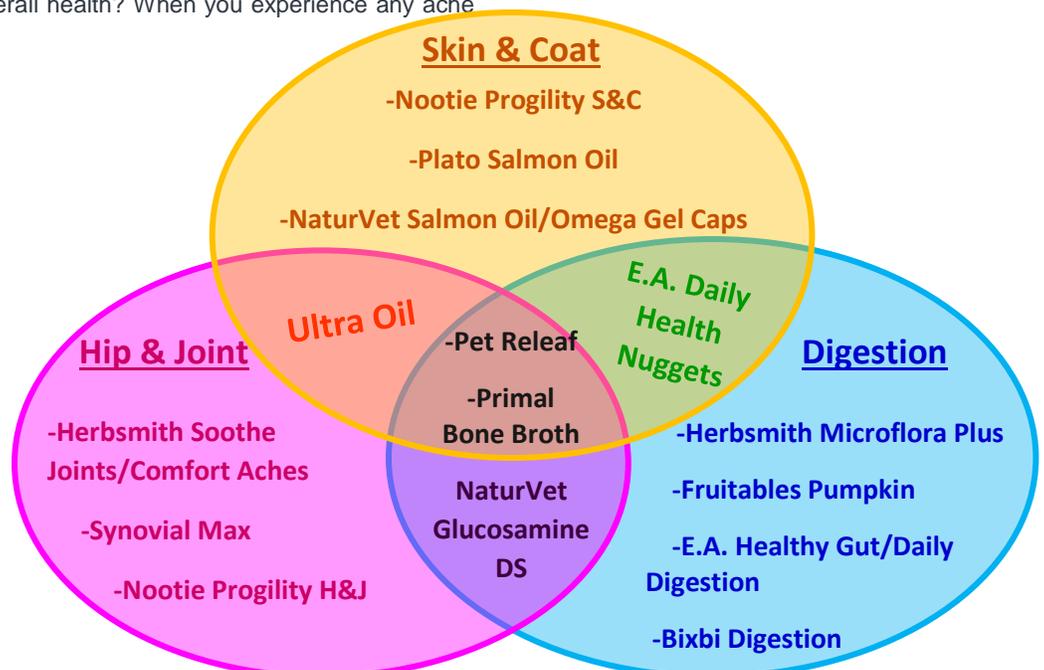
Finding the best diet for your pet to thrive is important; supplements only make it better. Whether your animal has hip and joint problems, needs extra omegas to enhance their coat, is too anxious, or has problems with digestion (from either end), rest assured there is a solution to meet yours and your pet's needs!

If your digestion isn't on point, does your doctor suggest probiotic-rich foods to help? (Jamie Lee Curtis isn't ashamed to say so, neither should you). The same applies to our best canine/feline friends.

Why Supplements?

Do you take a daily vitamin to improve your overall health? When you experience any ache

As pet parents, we want what's best for them. Even if your animal isn't yet exhibiting symptoms to require supplementation (typically later in life), it is never a bad idea to get a head start. This will help ensure a long, happy life together! Follow the diagram below to find you and your pal's best fit. 🐾



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TRAVEL



Uff da!

As fun as it is to be able to bring our pets everywhere we go once the weather warms up, there are certain risks to keep in mind:

Never leave your pet(s) unattended in a vehicle.

Our vehicles act like greenhouses in the sun. Temperatures inside can climb 20°F+ in a matter of minutes, even with the windows open or the A/C running. This means on a 78°F day, the interior can soar beyond 100°F. Pets are susceptible to brain damage and/or heatstroke in under 15 minutes. Look for excessive panting, thick saliva, lethargy, or restlessness.

What to Do:

If you see an animal in an enclosed vehicle that you're concerned about, record the vehicle's make, model, color, and license. Have the owner paged in nearby businesses, or call local humane authorities or police. *Do not* leave the scene

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Buckle Up

“Click it or Ticket” doesn't just apply to humans; it's important to make sure your furry fam is traveling safely on your adventures together, too!

On The Road Again!

As we prepare for traveling season, it's important to keep in mind the necessity of travel safety for not only ourselves, but our furry companions as well.

Prep Your Pet

If your pet is unfamiliar with frequent or lengthy car rides it's a good idea to introduce them before your trip to help ease anxiety. Start by taking short trips with your pet, gradually increasing the amount of time you both spend in the car. This will help your pet transition to a longer drive comfortably. If you're driving out of state, make sure to have your pet's vaccination records- some states require proof before crossing!

Secure & Dependable

When traveling with your pet in a kennel or crate of any kind, first ensure that it is big enough for the animal to stand, sit, and turn around in. Secure the kennel so it doesn't shift while the vehicle is moving. If you are not having your pet kenneled, then they must be secured via seat belt. We recommend the **Kurgo® Seat Belt Tether** or the **Kurgo® Tru-Fit Smart™ Harness** (that comes with its

The tether has a caribiner that clips directly to your pet's harness and connects into any seat belt buckle. The **Tru-Fit Smart™ Harness's** tether has a loop that your seat belt goes through; both products are crash tested.

A third option for securing your pet for safe travel: a car seat! The **Snoozer® Lookout** makes for a comfortable car seat that is easy to install using your vehicle's seat belt. A single clip connects to your pet's harness or collar and you're ready to go!

Make a List, Check it Twice

Make sure you are ready for a variety of situations by packing a pet friendly road kit. Include essentials such as food, water, bowls, poop bags, leash, any medication they need, and a first-aid kit. Other items to bring along should be your pet's favorite toy or blanket- something they are familiar with to ease any anxiety. Their feeding schedule should start with a light meal 3-4 hours before travel. Never feed your pet in a moving vehicle (motion sickness, anyone?)

Now that you've got the basics to safe travel, you and your pet(s) can enjoy the open road together with ease and peace of mind. 🐾

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Hot Dog Day Are Over!



PUP Quiz

What do you do when you see a dog in an unattended vehical?

- A. Call local businesses around the vehical
- B. Locate owner
- C. Call the cops
- D. Just ignore it

There are many different circumstances to why people may leave their pets in a vehical. The best thing to do is to stay with the vehical at all times! Call the business surrounding the areas tell the front desk the cars make, model, color and liences plate. Let them know there is a dog that is unattended in the parking lot. Tell them you have contacted the police. Then call animal care and protection OR local athorties. Explain you are by the vehical and the steps you have already taken and how long you've been there. Take photos and/or video if possiable. Don't take action unless told by police!

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Ask about our Frequent Buyer for Goat's Milk and Bone Broth!

Let's talk about the importance of keeping your fur baby cool and hydrated during these hot summer days!

You Feelin' Hot Hot Hot?!

Paw-Vent Hot Tooties

Lets put the hot dog days to an end! Here are some tips and tricks to help PAW-tect those paw pads during walks on the scorching pavement, gravel or even sand. Do you know how to tell if the ground is too hot for a walk? Put the back of your hand or the inside of your wrist on the ground to test the tempature. If it is hot to you, its hot to them.

Your pet will tell you when the ground is too hot. Signs can include paw lifing or shaking, limping, paw licking and whining while putting pressure on their paws. Some tips to help prevent hot paw pads are walking on grassy, shaded areas or walking when it is cooler out. Dog booties, paw wax or a safe moisturzier are great tools to help protect your fur baby's paws in the summer and winter. All three will help prevent wear and tear on the pads and provide an extra layer of protection from the harsh heat of the ground.

Do you think your dog already has burnt or sore pads? First, wash the paws! Just like any cut or scrape, you want to clean it first. Secondly, use a medicated paw wax or a CBD savv to help sooth the pain and inflammation. Lastly, keep a close eye on them and contact your vet if anything worsens!

Stop, Drop and DROOL

With the warmer weather barking upon us, we need to get prepared to keep our fur babies hydrated during outdoor activies!

1. Always keep a fresh bowl of water accessable at all times.
2. Bring extra water on walks.
3. Let them lay down in the shade to rest.
4. Cooling vest

Signs of an overheated or dehydrated dog:

- Excessive panting even when not active.
- Drool is thick and constant.
- Red/Purple whites or Glazed eyes
- Letharic/Dizziness or lack of balance.
- Vommiting and/or Diaherra

If you notice any of these symptoms, here are some tips to use to help cool that hot dog down. Sprinkle water on the back of the ears as well as the paw pads. You can drape a cool wet towel over them to help cool their body temp. Do not completely saturate them as this can cause the body temp to drop too fast. If sysmtoms do not subside or worsen, make sure to contact your vet immediately.

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Puzzled????



It's a No Brainer!

These interactive toys would be great to provide mental stimulation for your pooch!

Snuffle Mat – Forces your dog to “search” for food.

Kong – Toys you fill with food/treats, causing your dog to work at getting the goodies out.

Trixie Puzzle Toy – Allows your dog to learn how to open, push, grab, and pull various objects to release a treat.

West Paw – The West Paw brand has various toys that allow your dog to gnaw, fetch, catch, and root out treats. All the toys are durable for tough chewers and all the West Paw toys float.

Robo Bone – Mechanical bone that rolls around on the floor dropping treats as it goes, allowing your dog to “chase” it's food.

Pet Safe – Pet Safe has a Busy Buddy line of toys that force your dog to have to gnaw, bounce, tug, and push the toys to dispense treats.



Robo Bones are \$12 OFF while supplies last!

Mental exercise tires a dog more physically than physical exercise does.

Did your dog eat your homework???

Why Providing Metal Stimulation for your Pup is Important

Mental Stimulation is just as important as physical fitness and providing a healthy diet for your pet. If you exercise your dog well, but don't provide him/her with mental enrichment you will end up with a physically fit but bored dog. This could lead to many undesirable behavioral problems such as, excessive barking, whining, tail chasing, chewing (on things other than toys, such as homework), and digging holes in the backyard. Adding in mentally enriching activities to your dogs daily routine will not only alleviate those undesirable behaviors, but will also lessen hyperactivity, lower your dogs levels of aggression and stress, and allow you to bond with your dog more.

Ways to Incorporate Mental Stimulation to your Pooch's Day

There are various ways to incorporate mental stimulation into your dogs day. Below is a list of just a few examples (out of many) of ways that you can do just that.

Vary your walking routes. – Walking different routes not only gives you and your pet something new to look forward to, but also assists in mental stimulation for your dog due to different smells.

Arrange play dates or go to the dog park. – At a dog park there are new dogs and new people that your dog can interact with. Not only is a dog park good for mental enrichment for those reasons, but dog parks are also beneficial for your pet's physical health too because your pet is able to run around and play.

Obedience Training. – Tricks do not have to be complex. Basics such as, “sit”, “stay”, “lay down”, ect, are great ways to exercise your pet's brain.

Agility Training. – Agility training provides a combination of both physical and mental stimulation for your pet. You can make an obstacle course out of portable stairs, tunnels, sturdy containers, and other things around the house or you can purchase a set up instead. Another way to incorporate agility training is by taking your dog to an agility class offered in the area.

Rotate your dogs toys. – Just like children, dogs get tired of playing with the same toy all the time. Keep them interested by rotating what toys they can play with every day or introduce a new toy to them every few weeks.

Interactive Toys. – Dogs love playing with any toys given to them, so if you really want to stimulate you dog's mind you should provide an interactive toy, such as one that dispenses

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Don't Be a Scardy Cat!



Back In Black

As you know dogs and cats are always ending up in rescues due to many different reasons. However, now that you know about all the good luck black cats can bring to you, you can adopt a new black colored kitty and change its life and give it a 'fur-ever' home. You can even adopt other cats and/or dogs from these rescues too! Below is a list of local rescues, along with their information if you are interested in adding a new addition to your family!

Almost Home Kitty Rescue

almosthomekittyrescue.org

Oshkosh Area Humane Society

www.oahs.org
1925 Shelter Court
Oshkosh, WI 54901
(920) 424-2128

Saving Sully Dog Rescue

www.savinsully.org

Neenah Animal Shelter

<https://neenahanimalshelter.org>
951 County Road G
Neenah, WI 54956
(920) 722- 9544

Frosty's Fosters

www.frostysfosters.org



A different PURR-spective on black cats!

You're Creepin' Meowt!

In 3000 BCE, Egyptians worshiped black cats. So much so, that if one were to pass away, the cat would be mummified and mourned as if a family member had passed away. However, about 1,500 years after that time period, the way black cats were viewed by people changed drastically in cultures around the world, and it is all said to be because of a Greek myth. As the story goes, Zeus's wife, Hera, transformed her servant into a black cat as punishment for impeding the birth of Hercules. Her servant then went on and became assistant to Hecate, the goddess of witchcraft. This then started the superstitions that black cats were signs of witchcraft, the devil, and death in cultures around the world. However, although some countries have superstitions that the black cat is a bad omen, there are multiple countries where the black cat is sign of good luck.

Japan – For instance, in Japan black cats are positive superstitions and symbols of good fortune and prosperity. In fact, a statue of the Manek Nekos cat can be found in most business around the country, and many young women will own a black cat because it is also believed that a black cat will bring in many suitors for her.

United Kingdom – In the United Kingdom if a black cat walks towards someone, it is believed

England – In England it is believed that giving a bride a black cat on her wedding day will promise a lucky marriage for her and her groom.

Scotland - In Scotland, people have a good superstition about black cats too. They believe that if a black cat suddenly appears on your doorstep it is a sign of prosperity.

France – In France, black cats are associated with good magic and are believed to bring good luck to those who take good care of them!

Germany – In Germany, if a black cat crosses one's path from left to right, it is a sign that good fortune will come to them in the coming future.

Unfortunately, in some countries black cats are still associated with being a bad omen and/or bad luck. However, thankfully, science has replaced superstitions in most countries around the world that still possess those bad superstitions, and people now understand that there is no basis to have any negative attitudes toward black cats. In fact, cat lovers everywhere can testify that when you give cats respect and affection, they could never bring you anything except years of loving companionship and joy. Most even believe that they are luckiest people in the world just because they have the love and affection from their own

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