



Nose-To-Tail News, Volume 3: Pet Poison Prevention, Wildlife Worries, and the Do's and Don'ts of Dog Parks!

March Pet Spotlight: Grapes!



It's Pet Poison Prevention Month!



Poison Prevention Month is an awareness tradition beginning in 1961, embraced heavily by animal lovers who wanted to highlight how poison prevention for pets is truly prevention for the whole family! We're honored to recognize this tradition with this information-packed newsletter!

Prevention begins with awareness: check out the top 10 toxins for dogs/cats in 2024 per the Pet Poison Helpline—review the presence (if any) of these items in your home. Are they properly locked up/tucked away, out of reach of curious paws or sneaky snouts?

Top 10 Canine Toxins of 2024

1. Chocolate
2. Grapes/Raisins
3. Bromethalin (Rat Poison)
4. Xylitol
5. Ibuprofen
6. Marijuana (THC)
7. Anticoagulant Rodenticides
8. Vitamin D3 (overdose)
9. Carprofen (overdose)
10. Onions/Shallots/Garlic

Top 10 Feline Toxins of 2024

1. Lilies
2. Chocolate
3. Onions/Shallots/Chives
4. Garlic
5. Ibuprofen
6. Peruvian Lily
7. Vitamin D3 (overdose)
8. Amphetamine Combos
9. Carprofen (overdose)
10. Tulips

Should your furry friend encounter any of these toxins, the most important thing is to remain calm and seek medical care immediately! "Dogtor Pete" talks more about this [here!](#)

🦊 Watch for Wildlife! 🦊

We're excited for Spring...and so are the rabbits, squirrels, and other animals whose droppings harbor parasites!

These droppings are a tempting treat for even the most refined pets...let's make sure they're up-to-date on parasite prevention and routinely screened for parasites! Give us a call at 571-719-6635 to learn more!



Pups @ The Park: The Dos and Don'ts

If you've never taken your dog to a dog park before, you may expect an experience like what you see on TV—dogs chasing after tennis balls, catching Frisbees, and maybe even splashing through a kiddie pool. In reality, toys can be a serious source of aggression, and every dog park has its own guidelines. VEG has an article detailing dog park safety etiquette, which you can check out [here!](#)

Bordetella Bites: Let's Talk About It

Following up on dog parks: dog park= lots of dogs. Lots of dogs= opportunities for your furry friend to be exposed to Bordetella, aka Kennel Cough. Kennel cough is an airborne bacteria that thrives and lingers in spaces like kennels, boarding facilities, and, you guessed it...dog parks. This bacteria can cause clinical signs that are similar to the common cold, but can escalate into intense bronchitis. Thankfully, a vaccine that can be given orally exists and works to prevent this worrisome disease! If your pup is spending a lot of time with other pups, the Bordetella vaccine is a **must!** Schedule your pup's vaccine appointment today!

“Dogtor” Pete knows best, once again! Check out [this](#) video for more information on bordetella!

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(~6 y/o Gray Tabby)

Staff pets are normally excluded from the pet spotlight, but March 3rd is “TriPaw’d Day”, a day honoring amputee animals. Six years ago, Grapes was surrendered to a WV clinic for rear leg amputation. Supervisor Rachael took her home after surgery, and the rest is history!



APRIL PREVIEW: Heartworm/Tick Prevention, Kindness to Animals, and Celebrating Diversity!



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