



Paws Inn Print

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Pets Are Inn® Guidelines and Policies

- Lodging and transportation rates are subject to change without notice.
- A deposit is required during peak season, for new clients and for existing clients with a new pet.
- Reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis. It is to your advantage to book early.
- Pets (both cats and dogs) must be on a topical flea preventative to be administered prior to lodging. (Required during flea season; check the office when making your reservation.)
- Changes in reservations with less than three (3) business days notice will be assessed a \$10 administrative charge. This includes time restrictions. Changes and/or new reservations with less than 24-hour notice will be assessed a \$25 charge.
- Medication instructions must be in writing and meds are to be clearly identified. Instructions for the easiest method of administering are greatly appreciated.

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Three over the counter drugs that should NOT be given to our pets!



1.) ASPIRIN: Aspirin toxicity (salicylate toxicity) is poisoning that occurs following the ingestion of aspirin or aspirin-containing products. Aspirin can be especially dangerous when mixed with other drugs such as steroids or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. There is a much higher risk of toxicity. The amount needed to relieve a dog of inflammation due to soreness or arthritis can cause ulcers, along with other gastrointestinal problems.

2.) IBUPROFEN: Ibuprofen is a popular and effective over-the-counter medication available to treat pain and inflammation in people. For dogs, ibuprofen can easily exceed toxic levels. The most common cause of ibuprofen toxicity is a well-meaning owner who tries to alleviate pain in his dog by administering a dose he thinks is adequate without knowing the toxic dose. The initial toxic effect is bleeding stomach ulcers. In addition to ulcers, increasing doses of ibuprofen eventually lead to kidney failure and, if left untreated, can be fatal. Symptoms include poor appetite, vomiting, black tarry stools, vomiting blood, abdominal pain, weakness and lethargy.

3.) ACETAMINOPHEN: Common brands include Tylenol®, Percoset®, aspirin free Excedrin® and various sinus, cold and flu medications. Dogs most commonly receive toxic amounts of acetaminophen because owners medicate them without consulting a veterinarian. They also consume tablets that are dropped on the floor or left around. Dogs are less sensitive to acetaminophen than cats. For example, a 50-pound dog would need to ingest over seven 500 mg tablets in order to suffer toxic effects. In a cat, one 250 mg acetaminophen tablet could be fatal. If you suspect that your dog has ingested a toxic amount of acetaminophen, (one pill or more), contact your family veterinarian or local veterinary emergency facility immediately.

Source: www.petplace.com



Max's Helpful Hint

A pet left in a parked car can be in danger, especially in warm weather. On a warm day, even 70 degrees, the temperature in a parked car can reach over 100 degrees in a matter of minutes even with the windows partially open. A pet can easily suffer heatstroke and die. If you see one of my friends and it appears to be showing signs of heavy panting or heat stress then please call the police or an animal shelter right away.

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Dealing with Pets that are afraid of Thunderstorms

We all know or heard about pets that are afraid of thunderstorms and know how frantic a dog can get during a thunderstorm and the stress usually starts before humans are aware of the storm. When the storm is approaching, static builds up in the air. Because dogs have fur coats they can start getting little shocks (similar to the shock you get when you go across carpet and touch the light switch or a person). The dog starts putting two and two together- far distance thunder sounds start and as it gets closer, the shocks increase and therefore they start getting nervous. What can we do?

Some dogs will seek a water source such as a shower, bathtub or laundry room as water seems to reduce the static electricity that occurs during a storm. If a dog starts to show restlessness then take them to the laundry room or bathroom and just sit with them (Read a book). You must stay CALM and your dog will mimic your actions. Do not pet them or try to reassure them.

We used to care for a dog that the owner instructed us to tie her to the laundry tub with her bed close by for her to lay down on during storms. We thought this was animal cruelty, but Molly (the dog) would relax and even sleep through a storm.

Another trick is to wipe your pet down with a Bounce dryer sheet; this removes the static. Just a gentle wiping over the main body three times is sufficient. Do not rub them with the sheet.

Source: KTK9, trainer and radio host

www.ktk9.com

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COCOA BEAN MULCH CAN BE FATAL TO OUR DOGS



As we plant our summer flowers we need to be aware of the hazards of using certain products. One of those products is cocoa bean mulch which is available at numerous garden centers. Many homeowners are using it in lieu of wood mulch because it has a longer shelf life and it is very attractive. However, cocoa bean mulch contains methylxanthines—specifically caffeine and theobromine, which dogs are extremely sensitive to. Dogs are attracted to the chocolate scent of cocoa bean mulch and are very likely to eat it. If ingested, cocoa mulch can cause your dog to tremble and vomit. If a large amount is consumed, dogs can become hyperactive and have a rapid heart rate, seizures, and diarrhea. While unlikely, the consumption of cocoa mulch can be fatal to dogs, but there have been cases locally of dogs dying due to ingesting this mulch. It can also be harmful to cats (although they are less likely to be attracted to the chocolate aroma) and other wildlife as well.



