

Pet Pals of Atascocita

Summer, 2009

Summer News from Pet Pals

We are taking a **brief vacation** to see our oldest granddaughter graduate from high school in Alabama. We will be gone from **Thursday May 28 through Sunday, May 31**. Although Larry and I are very excited about our trip, we have spoken with our staff about pet sitting assignments while we are out. They will continue to help throughout the summer as this is our busiest season.

We do ask that you request service in advance in May to make things go smoothly for everyone and every pet.



Elaine is meeting Jewels and Shannon Cleary in Summerwood. Bucket was off camera.

Snake Bites and Dogs and Cats

Did you know that each year in the United States, over one million animal-bite wounds are reported? On occasion, the tables get turned on our canine friends, and without warning they are recoiling from the pain inflicted by sharp, poison-injecting fangs. Caught off guard, it is a moment you will never forget if you and your dog encounter a poisonous snake while simply taking a pleasant walk outdoors.

In general, bites of nonpoisonous snakes do not cause swelling or pain. They show teeth marks in the shape of a horseshoe (no fang marks).

Treatment of Snake Bites

First, try to identify the snake and look at the bite. If the snake is nonpoisonous, cleanse and dress the wound. If it appears that the dog or cat has been bitten by a poisonous snake and if you are within 30 minutes of a veterinary hospital, transport at once.

1. Keep the dog or cat quiet. Venom spreads rapidly if the pet is active...it increases the rate of absorption.
2. Do not wash the wound because this will increase venom absorption.
3. Do not apply ice because this does not slow spread and can damage tissue.
4. Do not make cuts over the wound or attempt to suck out venom. This usually is not successful, and you could absorb the venom.
5. If bitten on the leg, wrap a constricting band on the affected limb snugly at a level just above the bite wound.

Preventing Snake Bites

- Keep your dog on a leash when walking.
- Do not allow your dog to explore holes in the ground or dig under rocks.
- Stay on open paths.
- If your dog seems unusually curious about something hidden in the grass, back off immediately until you know what it is. (adapted from the pet center.com)

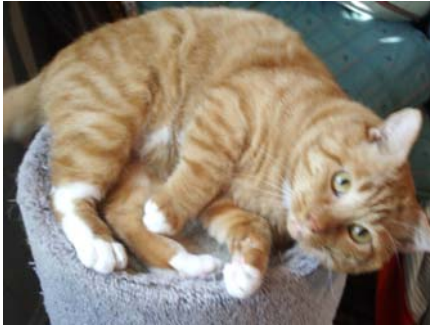


Chloe Roder of Fall Creek is a natural model...she posed for several good pictures!

Welcome New Clients

Bradshaw, Karen
Geoffroy, Elaine
Mahoney, Debra
Roder, Sarah

Deussen
Mickey
Emma
Chloe



Big Al Perkins lives in Atascocita North with his mom and 4 big dogs!

Excerpts from a Cat's Diary

DAY 752—My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects. They dine lavishly on fresh meat, while I am forced to eat dry cereal. The only thing that keeps me going is the hope of escape, and the mild satisfaction I get from ruining the occasional piece of furniture.

DAY 761—Today my attempt to kill my captors by weaving around their feet while they were walking almost succeeded, must try this at the top of the stairs. In an attempt to disgust these vile oppressors, I once again made myself vomit on their favorite chair...must try this on their bed.

DAY 774—I am convinced the other captives are flunkies and maybe snitches. The dog is routinely released and seems more than happy to return. He is obviously a half-wit. The bird has got to be an informant, and speaks with them regularly. I am certain he reports my every move. Due to his current placement in the metal room his safety is assured.

But I can wait; it is only a matter of time...

In Remembrance: These beloved pets have passed away recently:

*Smokey (Brown)
Samantha (Davis)
Moose (Graham)
Frankie (Webb)*

Ask the Vet!

How long can a puppy "hold it" in his crate?

A good rule of thumb is the number of hours equal to his age in months plus one.

Dog Pet Peeves about Humans

5. Any trick that involves balancing food on my nose...stop it.
4. Taking me for a walk, then not letting me check stuff out. Exactly whose walk is this anyway?
3. How can you naively believe that the stupid cat isn't all over everything while you're gone?
2. Yelling at me for barking...I'm a DOG!
1. Blaming your gas on me...not funny.



Josh Manchester of Atascocita Forest is looking for his mom and dad.

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