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HERNANDO COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

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SUMMER SAFETY FOR YOUR ANIMALS



Think about it this way.... your dog is wearing a fur coat in the middle of summer! Think before you take them jogging and be aware if they seem overheated. Remember...they are walking on hot asphalt as you cross the road or parking lot. Would you want to walk on that sizzling asphalt barefooted? Their feet can be burned, too. Surface temperatures on concrete and black asphalt far exceed the ambient temperatures. Consider trimming heavy coated dogs. It is recommended that you leave hair 1 inch long to protect from sunburn and insects. Do not leave your dog in a parked car! Even a quick errand can turn into a long wait in a line and meanwhile your dog could die. On a 73-degree day, the temperature inside a car can reach 120 degrees within 30 minutes. On a 90-degree day, the interior of a car can reach 160 degrees in several minutes. Symptoms of heat exhaustion are: restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, and lethargy, lack of appetite, dark tongue, rapid heartbeat, fever, vomiting, or lack of coordination. If you notice these get your dog into a cooler setting and contact your veterinarian.

“WHO LET THE DOGS OUT”

Every day people call Animal Services because their dog/cat got out when they were bringing in groceries, slip out of their collars, or they dig out under the fence. Animal Services currently has four full time officers that cover the 478 square miles of Hernando County. While Fido or Kitty may like to roam at times, you never know what mischief they may find. By spaying and neutering your pet it will keep the population down. Plus, we are always informing the public to license and microchip their pet. By doing so, this could make a difference between a joyful reunion or the loss of your beloved pet.

****HELP THE ANIMALS****

All animals brought into the Animal Shelter need your help. DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED AND NEEDED. Examples needed: blankets, towels, food, leashes, collars, litter.



Importance of Spay and Neutering

Millions of innocent animals are euthanized every year. Spaying and Neutering not only helps control the over-population of animals, but also save animals from health issues which can range from severe infections to cancerous tumors. If you love animals and love your pet
PLEASE SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PET!



FLORIDA ANIMAL CONTROL ASSOCIATION (FACA)-LEASH/RESTRAINT LAWS

Free-roaming cats and dogs are the primary cause of pet over-population. Many of these animals are responsible for injuring or annoying people, attacking domestic animals and wildlife, destroying property and contributing to the cause of automobile accidents. These animals are also exposed to disease from other animals, injury from traffic retaliation by irate property owners, etc. When you have irresponsible pet owners who fail to exercise proper control over their pets, Animal Control Officers will exercise local and state powers to issue citations for violations whenever possible. FACA also believes that restraint provisions should require that dogs and cats be kept under direct control when off the owner's property. FACA also supports local regulations designed to foster responsible pet ownership by requiring owners or keepers to clean up after their pets.



BREEDERS CORNER

The Irish Red & White Setter is a pointing bird dog, which originated in 1800's in Ireland. They can take longer to train than other gundogs, but once trained, they are a loyal and reliable companion. They need firm, decisive but not harsh training. They can be the most devoted and affectionate of dogs and are extremely intelligent. Irish Red and White Setters thrive best in active families, where they have outlets for their high energy, and require space to run freely. If you are looking for an energetic, fun-loving dog, then the Irish Red and White Setter is for you.



OFFICE HOURS
MON: 10:30 am -5:30 pm
TUES, WED, THURS, FRI:
9:30 am-4:30 pm
CLOSED SAT. & SUN.