



Nose-To-Tail News, Volume 5: Disaster Preparedness, Anxiety Awareness Week, and Chihuahua Appreciation!

May Pet Spotlight:

Don't Despair, Prepare: Disaster Checklist



May is Disaster Preparedness Month, and May 8th is National Animal Preparedness Day—let's face it, the topic of disaster isn't a pleasant one, but preparing for the worst now will benefit you and your furry companions, should disaster strike!

Disaster Preparedness Kit

- 2 week supply of food, water, litter, medications if applicable
- Leashes, harnesses, and carriers
- Waterproof containers with pictures of you and your pets, name and # of your veterinarian in case you get separated
- Feeding schedule, medication list
- Manual can opener
- 1 month of flea prevention
- Toys/bedding if viable

DID YOU KNOW?

- Microchipped pets are **THREE** times more likely to be reunited with their families than those who are not?
- Microchips are lifetime guaranteed, and universally readable?
- Microchipping does not require anesthesia, and can be performed during routine vet care?
- Give us a call at 571-719-6635 to schedule this important service!

Dog Anxiety Awareness Week 2025 : May 5th-May 11th

Anxiety is “ruff” enough when you’re a human: Census data tells us that approximately 31% of the US population deals with some form of anxiety disorder, and much like we share our couches (and sometimes our snacks 🐾) with our dogs, we also share our problems: a Finnish study revealed that 15-20% of dogs on average experience some form of separation anxiety, and noise sensitivity is the most common source of anxiety, with 32% of dogs showing some form of sensitivity to loud or prolonged noises.

How can we help/support our furry friends? Let’s look at the “paws”abilities!

- ☐ **Form Routines:** Many anxious dogs feel relief when they know what to expect: daily walks, feedings, playtime, and sleep schedules are all excellent ways to create ritual and routine!
- ☐ **Play Detective:** Take inventory of your dog’s day-to-day: is he eating or drinking less? Has she been sleeping in a new location? There may be anxiety triggers in the home or environment that may need investigating!
- ☐ **Create a “Quiet Corner”:** Many dogs respond well to soothing pets or massage, calming music, or a familiar item of bedding or a toy that is always accessible.
- ☐ **Seek Veterinary Care:** If your dog is experiencing intense anxiety, your veterinarian may be able to provide medication, or recommend other forms of therapy.

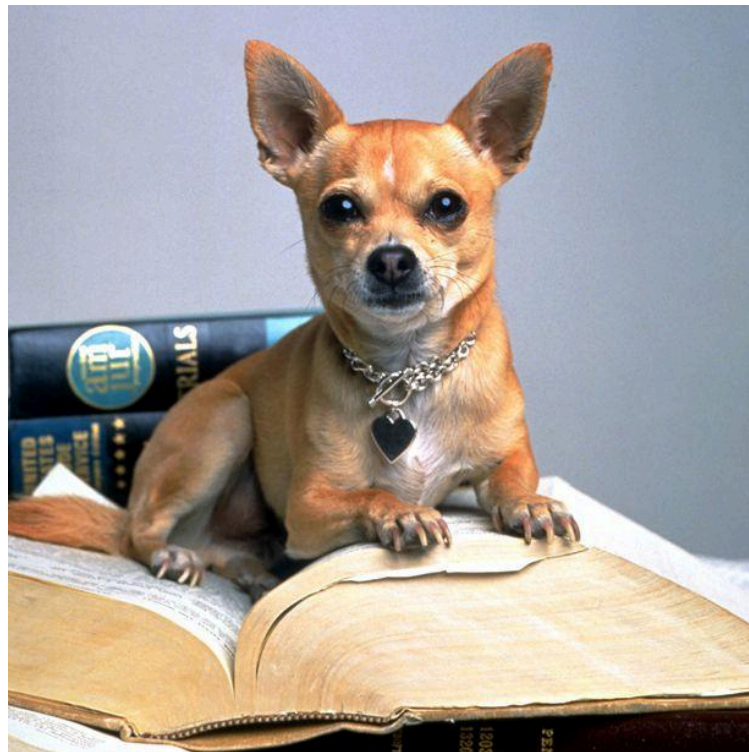


July 4th is sooner
than you think! If
your pet experiences
firework anxiety,
let’s schedule a
consult now! Call us
at 571-719-6635!

International Chihuahua Appreciation Day: May 14th

Loyal, alert, lively and loving: these are just a few of the traits associated with the Chihuahua! This small breed dog of Mexican origin was acknowledged by the AKC in 1904, and the AKC Chihuahua Club was formed in 1923. Fiercely loved (and deeply misunderstood), the chihuahua continues to fill our hearts (and purses, when applicable!) with joy!

Chihuahuas are charmers! We're naturals on the silver screen—just look at Gidget, the “Taco Bell” Dog, Papi, who played Chloe in “Beverly Hills Chihuahua”, and, well....me! Moonie, famous for my role as Bruiser in “Legally Blonde”!

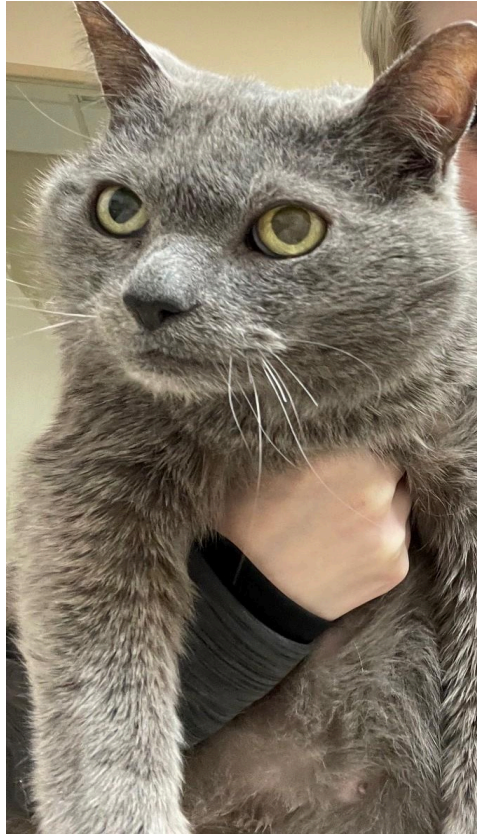


May Pet Spotlight: 🐱

May Pet Spotlight: Smokey!
(15 y/o Male DSH)

We've been showcasing a lot
of young pets...how 'bout a
silver fox for a change? ;)

Despite his age, Smokey's got
a baby face and a soft meow
that charms us all! Recently
diagnosed with diabetes, but
he's not letting this get him
down much. He's a
sweetie—no irony intended!



JUNE PREVIEW: Pets and Pride, Veterinary Appreciation Day, and Hydration Hotline!

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