



July Newsletter

Pet Truths and Consequences

True or False

1. Cats are natural hunters that can live by their wits outdoors.

False. When humans domesticate a species, we take away their ability to live in the wild. The average life span of a cat who lives only outdoors is two years. An indoor cat can live 15 or 20 years.

2. When you leave your dog alone in the house, it's a good idea to leave it with a bone or a rawhide to chew so it doesn't go after your shoes or furniture.

False. There are risks when giving dogs bones, rawhides or chews, such as choking. Supervision is key, and dogs should never be left alone with those items.

3. Cats are very sure-footed; they hardly ever fall, and if they do, they always land on all four feet.

False. They can misjudge the distance needed for a successful leap, fall off roofs and even wander off the edges of counters. They're usually pretty careful and they do have the ability to right themselves, but it doesn't always happen.

4. It doesn't matter whether you feed your dog or cat cheap food or expensive food. They all provide complete nutrition for your pet.

False. Although all dog foods must meet certain nutritional standards, the way they meet them can vary widely. For example, the protein requirement can be met by soybeans, but dogs and cats do best with meat as their protein source.

5. Cats that climb trees can't get down by themselves.

False. It's a myth. Once they need food and water, they know how to come down from trees.

6. It's best to stay with the same dog food throughout your dog's life.

False. Feed them a variety of foods to make sure they are getting the proper nutrition. For example, puppy food for younger dogs and senior maintenance food for older dogs.

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