



July Newsletter

Fresh Water for Pets

Your pet should have a large container of water that is cleaned daily. Bacteria can grow in the water bowl if it is not kept clean.

If your dog is left for a long period of time, the bowl could accidentally get tipped over. Look for a bowl with a wide base and low sides because it is better balanced and harder to tip over. It might be a good idea to have a couple bowls of water in case one does get tipped over.

Metal containers will allow the water to evaporate more quickly on hot days. It could also heat the water to a temperature that would not provide a cool, refreshing drink to your pet.

A bucket that has high sides and filled with water is not a good idea. Once the water level in the bucket is about half full, your pet might not be able to reach far enough into the bucket in order to get a drink.

If your pet is overweight or has a large amount of fur, they will need a large amount of water to keep from dehydrating.

Just like a human, water makes up about eighty percent of your dog's body weight. A constant and fresh supply of water must be available for your pet. Water aids in your dogs digestion, blood circulation and regulates their body temperature.

Dehydration due to a lack of water can cause serious health problems for your pet. Some symptoms of dehydration are depression, sunken eyes and dry gums. If you suspect your dog is not drinking enough water and notice any of these symptoms contact your veterinarian.

During the winter in cold climates your pet's drinking water can freeze if you keep it outside. Your pet will still need a good, fresh supply of water everyday. There are low voltage water proof heaters available that can be placed either under or around your pet's drinking water. These heaters can be regulated to keep the water cool without freezing it.

On The Lighter Side

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children began discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster.

"No," said another, "he's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."

Upon entering the little country store, the stranger noticed a sign saying DANGER! BEWARE OF DOG! posted on the glass door. Inside he noticed a harmless old hound dog asleep on the floor beside the cash register.

He asked the store manager, "Is THAT the dog folks are supposed to beware of?"

"Yep, that's him," he replied.

The stranger couldn't help but be amused. "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?"

"Because", the owner replied, "before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."

Q: Why do hummingbirds hum?

A: Because they don't know the words.

Q: Which side of a chicken has the most feathers?

A: The outside.

Q: What do you get when you cross a parrot with a centipede?

A: A walkie-talkie, of course.

Q: What kind of dog tells time?

A: A watch dog.

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