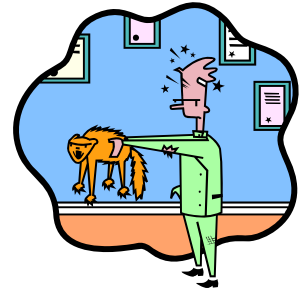




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WORLD RABIES DAY

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Working Together to Make Rabies History!

Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system. The virus is secreted in saliva and is usually transmitted to people and animals by a bite from an infected animal. Dogs, cats and ferrets with rabies may show a variety of signs, including fearfulness, aggression, excessive drooling, difficulty swallowing, staggering and seizures. The mission of World Rabies Day is to raise awareness about the impact of rabies, how easy it is to prevent it, and how to eliminate the main sources. The tools and technology for pet rabies elimination are available. Rabies is 100% preventable through regular vaccinations through your veterinarian. By regularly vaccinating your pet for rabies, you will be joining the World Rabies Day initiative to... **Work Together to Make Rabies History!**

FAST FACTS

#1

There are approximately 7,000 cases of animal rabies reported in North America every year. These animals can expose you, your family or your pets to rabies.



#2

Cats are more likely to be infected with rabies than dogs! Probably because they are less likely to be vaccinated and may not be well supervised when outdoors.



RABIES PREVENTION STARTS WITH YOU

VACCINATE

Save the lives of your cats and dogs by keeping them current on their rabies vaccinations. Without a current vaccination, if they are exposed to rabies, they might become rabid and expose other people and animals to rabies.

EDUCATE

Teach children never to pet or handle unfamiliar animals – even if they appear friendly.



SPAY & NEUTER

Decrease undesirable behavior which increases the risk of rabies exposure, like aggression and roaming by having your pet spayed or neutered.



SUPERVISE

Keep a close eye on your pet and have them examined by a veterinarian if they fight with other animals or you find wounds on them.

MY PET HAS BEEN BITTEN BY ANOTHER ANIMAL

- Consult your veterinarian immediately who will examine your pet and assess its condition.
- Contact local animal control if your pet was bitten by a stray or wild animal.
- If your pet is currently vaccinated and possibly exposed to rabies, they may need to have a booster vaccination and be subjected to close supervision for a minimum of 10 days or as specified by provincial or municipal laws. Animals with expired vaccinations will need to be evaluated on a case-by case basis.
- If a rabies-suspect or confirmed rabid animal bites your pet and your pet is not currently vaccinated, your pet may need to be euthanized (to prevent the spread of rabies) or to be in quarantine for a strict 6 month period (to see if your pet will develop rabies from this potential exposure).





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Healthy Homemade Dog and Cat Treats



Yields approximately two dozen treats

Using canned food:

Open the can and shake the loaf of food out of the can.

Cut the loaf into 1/4" thick slices, and then cut the slices into bite-sized pieces.

Bake the treats in a microwave oven on high for approximately 2 1/2 to 3 minutes.

For a conventional oven, follow the instructions above and place the bite-sized pieces on an ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for approximately 30 minutes or until crispy.

Using Dry Food:

In a blender, add 2 cups of dry food and grind into a powder.

Pour powder into a mixing bowl and gradually add about 1 to 1 1/4 cups of water, stirring until it forms a dough consistency.

Shape into individual "treats" or "cookies" and flatten the dough using the back of a spoon (the cookies will not flatten like standard "people cookies" do.)

Place treats on an ungreased cookie sheet and bake in the oven at 350 degrees for approximately 30 minutes or until crispy.

To enhance flavor, sprinkle oregano powder over the dry food treats. However, do not add oregano to homemade treats if you are feeding your pet a hypoallergenic diet.

Storage:

Store baked treats in the refrigerator and discard leftovers after 5-7 days. Do not freeze homemade treats.

Homemade treats should not exceed 10% of your pet's total daily intake because heat alters the nutritional characteristics of the food.

Fun Tip:

Cookie cutters make treats fun to make and serve.

DANGERS OF RIDING IN THE BACK OF PICK-UP TRUCKS

The safest way for your pet to travel is inside the truck with you.

Dogs can easily fall, jump, or be thrown from the bed of a pick-up truck. Often dogs that are thrown experience any or several of the following: multiple fractures, abdominal and chest trauma and severe cuts and bruises. In many cases, dogs who manage to survive the fall are hit and fatally injured by other vehicles. Tying dogs to the trucks can also be dangerous because it poses a risk of strangulation or being dragged alongside the vehicle causing severe abrasions. Other injuries that may be caused by your dog riding in the back of a truck include: burnt feet from the hot metal box, heatstroke from prolonged exposure to the sun, and exposure to poisonous carbon monoxide (especially if your truck has a canopy).



CANCELLATION POLICY



It would be appreciated if you could give us 24 hours notice if you need to cancel your appointment.

Thank You



VIRGO

AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23

Dogs: Virgo dog's are intelligent and often very easy to train, needing little or no discipline. They are also well balanced and dependable. They tend to like their routines, so don't be surprised if they want their food and walks around the same time each day. In general, Virgo dogs are very healthy and they really enjoy being groomed as they like to look their best - it's not often they will get dirty as they like to be clean. Be sure to give them lots of love and petting each day - since they can be quiet in nature. It can sometimes be easy to forget they are around as they will not demand attention but they really do love being fussed over.



Cats: A Virgo cat is innocent and naïve, trusting and obedient, however, don't be misled into thinking they are easily taken advantage - before you realize it they can have you trained into their way. They also love to wash for hours to look their best! They love to sleep in clean bedding and have clean food dishes. Like their canine counterparts, they enjoy a routine so try to keep feeding times regular and their food dishes in the same place as they are not very keen on change. Virgo cats are smart and learn what you desire with very little effort. Even though they appear calm and cool, they still crave your love and assurance to be happy and contented.

