

BEYOND THE BOWL

THERE'S MORE TO PET CARE THAN FOOD



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Basic Pet Care

The essentials

- Food
- Water
- Shelter



Pet food resources



- American Association of Feed Control Officials:
www.aafco.org

- U.S. Food and Drug Administration:
 - www.fda.gov
 - Safe handling tips for pet foods and treats:
www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm048182

Coat care

If you neglect it, this is what can happen...



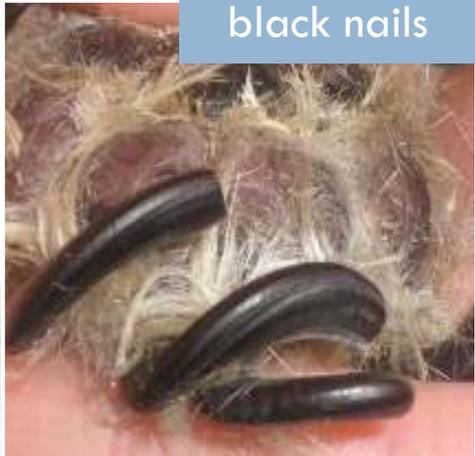
Overgrown nails- more than a cosmetic issue



Nails curling in



Overgrown Dewclaws on hind limb



Overgrown black nails

How to Cut Your Dog's Nails

Trimming Overgrown Nails

Cutting the quick will cause it to bleed



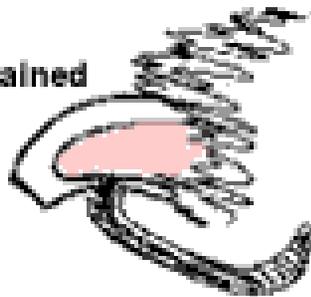
Trim here. The quick will gradually recede.

Trimming Short Nails



The quick in a short nail

A well maintained nail



Regular trimming allows you to trim the nail short without cutting the quick



Don't neglect nail care.

Dental care



Normal Appearance



Dental Tartar and early Periodontal Disease



Periodontal Disease with infection



Periodontal Disease with infection and Gingival Recession



Advanced Periodontal Disease with abscess formation



Some Symptoms of Dental Disease in animals:

- Halitosis
- Inflamed gums (gingivitis)
- Tartar
- Tooth resorption, fracture, missing teeth
- Pain
- Dropping of food from mouth
- Inappetance, lethargy, dehydration

Daily tooth brushing – can you do it?



For the less cooperative animal

Rawhide
chews



Dental diets



Chew toys



Cute, but...



Veterinary Care and Vaccinations

AAHA's Canine Vaccine Guidelines: <https://www.aahanet.org>

Canine Vaccines

- Distemper, Adenovirus-2, Parvovirus, Parainfluenza (Leptospirosis) – DA2PP/DHPP
- Rabies
- Bordetella
- Rattlesnake vaccines, influenza



Veterinary Care and Vaccinations

AAFP Feline Vaccine Advisory Report: www.catvets.com

Feline Vaccines

- Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Calicivirus, Panleukopenia
- Rabies (conventional, Purevax)
- Feline Leukemia (FeLV)
- (FIV- not recommended)



Wellness/annual exams

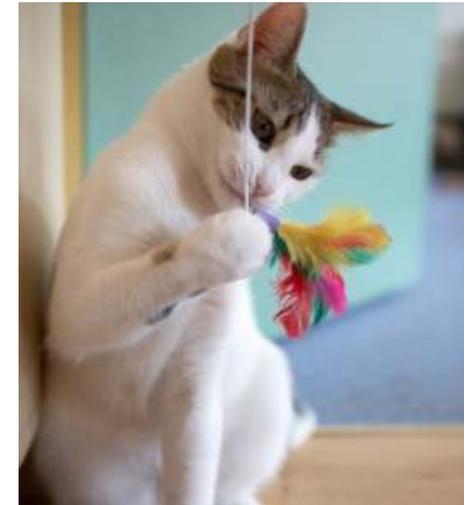
Basic Pet Care, cont...

- Physical examination with weights
- Booster vaccines if necessary
- Bloodwork, urinalysis and fecal exams



Pet care basics – don't forget to give them lots of attention

- Daily walks and breed appropriate exercise
- Affection
- Social interactions and play



5 Life Saving Commands

- ❑ Sit
- ❑ Come When Called
- ❑ Stay
- ❑ Heel
- ❑ Leave It



Sit and Come When Called

Have your dog sit at your side before crossing the street on walks.



Teach "come touch" while using a 15-30 foot Leash.



Stay and Heel

Practice stay in areas with lots of distractions.

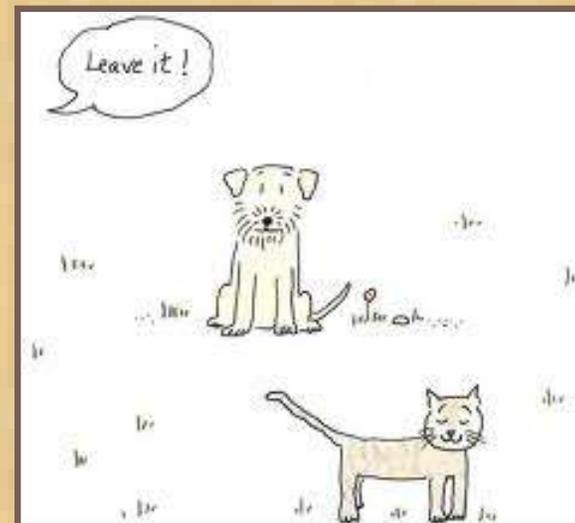


Walking at your side teaches your dog rules in a chaotic world.



Leave It

This command should be practiced with all sorts of objects—food, toys, other dogs, etc.



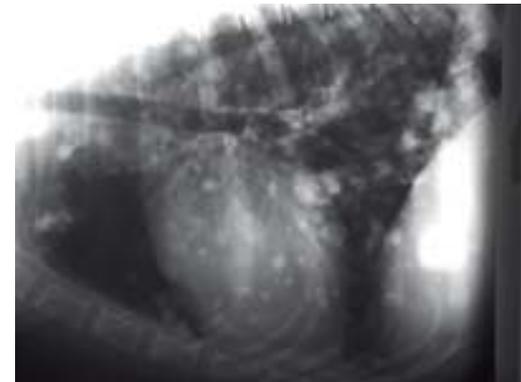
My dog's not trained. So what?

According to the American Animal Hospital Association, **96%** of dogs who are surrendered to a shelter by their owners **have not received any obedience training.**



Did you know that spaying/neutering does more than prevent pet overpopulation?

- 1. Your female pet will live a longer, healthier life
 - ▣ Pyometra (uterine infections) prevention
 - ▣ Mammary cancer reduction: Spay before 1st heat reduces risk of mammary cancer to nearly zero



Spay and neuter your pet

Reasons to
spay and
neuter

- 2. Neutering provides health benefits to your male pet
 - ▣ Testicular cancer prevention (15% malignant, some cause hyperestrogenism)
 - ▣ Prevent prostate problems



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Reasons to
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- 3. Prevent heat cycles
 - ▣ Cats may yowl/urinate for 4-5 days up every 3 weeks!



- 4. Help improve behavior



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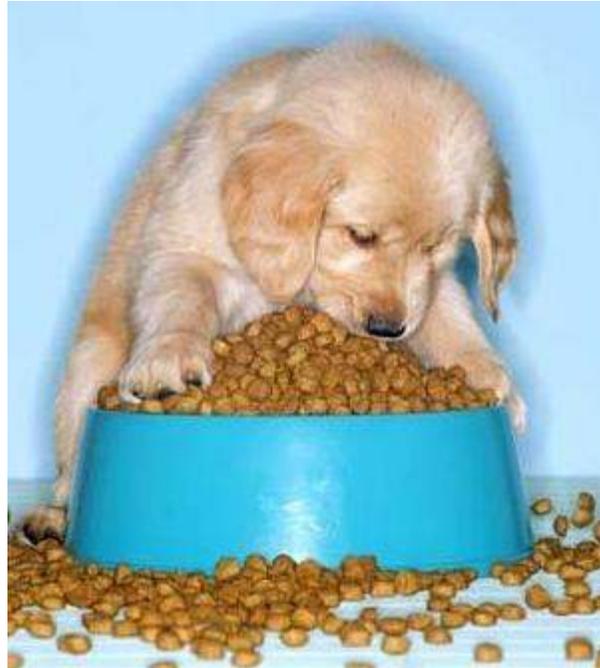
□ 5. Prevent roaming



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Reasons to
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- 6. It won't make your pet fat!



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- ❑ 7. It is cost-effective
- ❑ 8. It is good for the community
- ❑ 9. Will help prevent pet overpopulation



Nuisance Behaviors



What Are They?

BARKING!



JUMPING!





CHEWING!

Top Reasons “Bad” Behaviors Happen

1. Boredom

2. Attention

3. Separation anxiety



The “Cure”

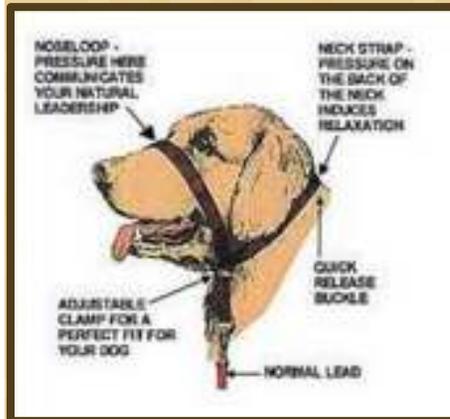
1. Take your dog on a walk
 - a. Large breed = 1 hour walk every day
 - b. Smaller breeds = 30 minute walk every day
 - c. Try a backpack

2. Challenge your dog mentally *and* physically
 - a. Training
 - b. Games
 - c. Toys
 - d. Tricks
 - e. Breed-specific exercises (herding, dock diving, etc.)
 - f. Agility





What if my dog pulls on walks?



Try A Gentle Leader

This works by applying pressure behind the ears, as well as on the muzzle, similar to what a mother dog would do if her puppy was misbehaving.



Or An Easy Walk Harness

These are great for breeds who have short muzzles.
(Pugs, English Bulldogs, Boxers, etc.)

Pet poisons – did you know?

- Household toxins:
- - Human medication
- - Pesticides:
metaldehyde,
anticoagulant
rodenticides,
neurotoxic rodenticides
- - Fertilizer: 2,4-D (in
over 1500 products)



The Environmental Protection Agency has determined that these products pose unreasonable health and safety risk to children, pets, and wildlife.



NO LOOSE PELLETS!



Products Subject to EPA Cancellation

D-CON CONCENTRATE KILLS RATS & MICE, D-CON READY MIXED KILLS RATS & MICE, D-CON MOUSE PRUFE KILLS MICE, D-CON PELLETS KILLS RATS & MICE, D-CON MOUSE PRUFE II, D-CON PELLETS GENERATION II, D-CON BAIT PELLETS II, D-CON READY MIXED GENERATION II, D-CON MOUSE PRUFE III, D-CON BAIT PELLETS III, D-CON II READY MIX BAITBITS III, D-CON BAIT PACKS III, GENERATION MEAL BAIT PACKS, DIFETHIALONE BAIT STATION, DIFETHIALONE 6G PASTE PL PKGS, RIDA-RAT RAT & MOUSE KILLER, HOT SHOT SUDDEN DEATH BRAND MOUSE KILLER, HOT SHOT SUDDEN DEATH BRAND RAT KILLER 1, HOT SHOT SUDDEN DEATH BRAND RAT & MOUSE KILLER, HOT SHOT SUDDEN DEATH BRAND MOUSE KILLER BAIT STATION

2nd hand smoke

- ❑ Carcinogens in dog's hair, urine for months
- ❑ Asthma and respiratory infections



2nd hand smoke risks

- Nasal and sinus cancers in dogs (up to 2.5x the risk)



2nd hand smoke risks

- Squamous cell carcinomas in cats (4x the risk)



Common Food Toxins

Yummy treats for humans but don't share them with your pet!



- ❑ - grapes/raisins
- ❑ - macadamia nuts
- ❑ - bread dough/yeast
- ❑ - chocolate
- ❑ - onions/garlic
- ❑ - xylitol (sugar-free gum/candy)
- ❑ - fatty foods/pancreatitis



Plant and outdoor toxins

- Lilies: kidney failure in cats



- Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria)

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov>



- Sago palms: liver failure



More plant toxins...

Oleander: cardiotoxic



Mushrooms



<http://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/poison-control/plants/>

Learn To Speak Dog

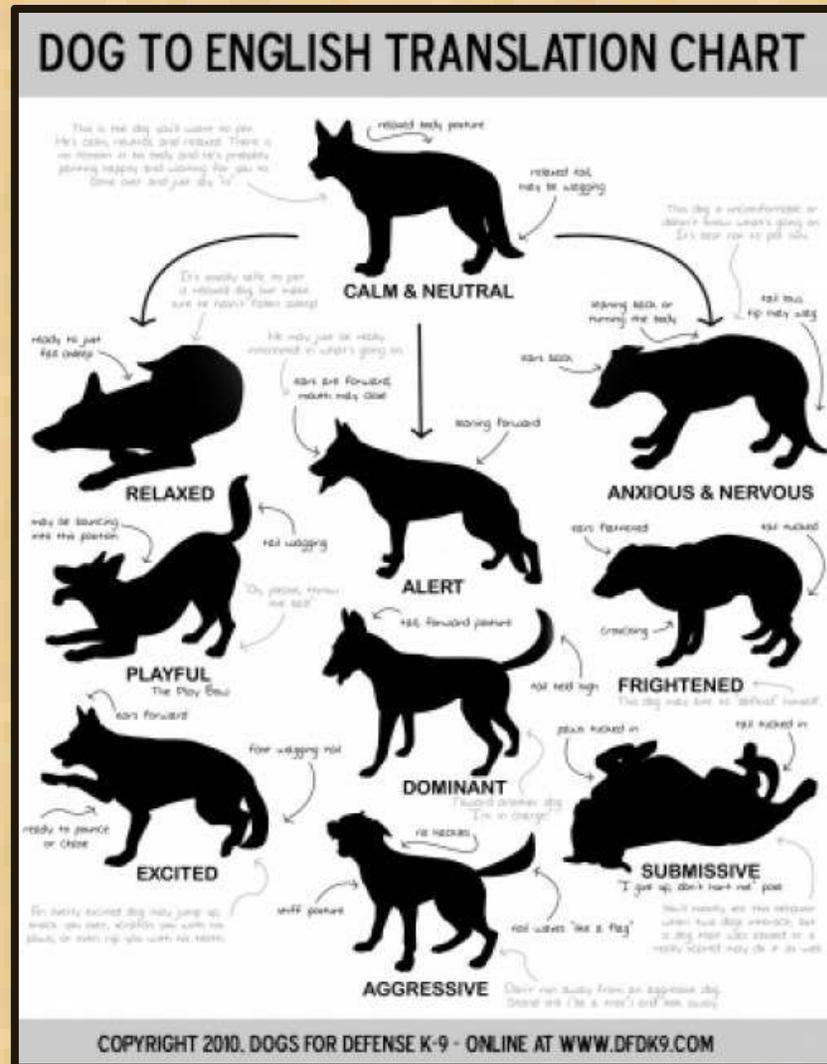
I CAN'T TALK, BUT I SPEAK LOUD AND CLEAR WITH MY EYES, TAIL, EARS AND BODY POSTURE.
I HAVE EMOTIONS YOU CAN RELATE TO AS A HUMAN, BUT I NEED YOU TO UNDERSTAND ME AS A DOG.
YOUR WAY OF GREETING SOMEONE, COMPARED TO MINE IS VERY DIFFERENT.
SOME OF US REALLY DON'T LIKE GOING TO THE DOG PARK TO SOCIALIZE, AND SOME OF US DO.
I AM NOT A BREED STANDARD. I AM ABOVE ALL, AN INDIVIDUAL.
UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER'S SPECIES BETTER WILL HELP KEEP US OUT OF SHELTERS AND IN OUR HOMES.
LEARNING TO **"SPEAK DOG"**: *a canine behavior blog series by* PHOTO LAB PET PHOTOGRAPHY



Body Language

A wagging tail does not always mean a dog is friendly.

A dog with raised hackles does not always mean the dog is aggressive.





Aggression

Not always this obvious.

Types of Aggression

DOG AGGRESSION

MY DOG IS:

- Territorial aggressive
- Dominant aggressive
- Maternal aggressive
- Fear aggressive
- Pain aggressive
- Predatory aggressive
- Punishment aggressive
- Possessive aggressive



Defensive vs. Offensive Aggression



DEFENSIVE AGGRESSION



AGGRESSIVE ATTACK

The Subtle Faces of Aggression

Notice the Following:

1. Ears down and back
2. Eyes slightly squinted
3. Mouth is tight
4. Rigid face and stance



This puppy's on the prowl!

1. Mouth is tight
2. Eyes are squinted
3. Ears are back
4. Stare is fixated and focused
5. Square body posture



“Whale Eye”

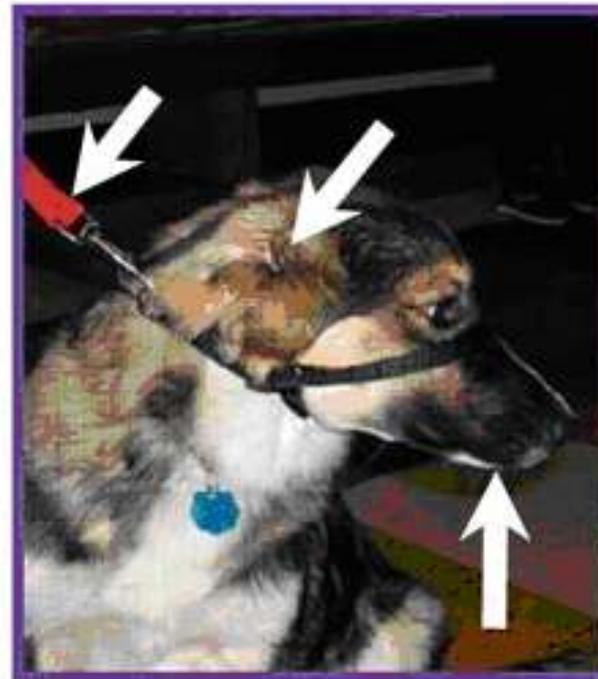
“Whale Eye” is a sideways glance that dogs give when they are getting close to acting aggressively. It is a very common warning sign that many of us miss.



Facial Expression

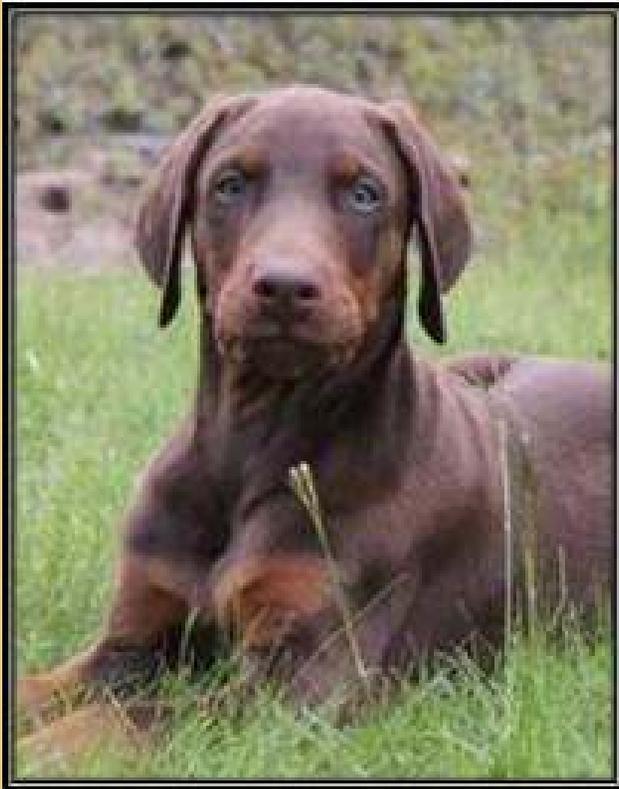


Hello, nice to meet you



Please go away

Notice The Difference



Alert/Offensive



Alert/Relaxed



vs.



Body Posture

Alert and Aggressive



Relaxed



Rabies



Quick facts:

- Caused by an RNA virus (Rhabdoviridae), affects all warm-blooded animals, is zoonotic
- >99% fatal in people and animals
 - ▣ 62 human cases in the US 1990-2011
 - ▣ 6,000-10,000 rabid animals/year in US
- Salivary transmission
- Endemic in bats in Southern California.
- Only diagnosed post-mortem in animals



Rabies in the news

CBS News/ March 13, 2013,
1:19 PM

Rare rabies death reported in Maryland

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A rare rabies death has been reported in Maryland, the first in the state in nearly four decades.

CBS Station WJZ in Baltimore reported the death is the first in Maryland since 1976, and state officials are shocked by the case.

Rabies vaccinations – protect yourself by vaccinating your pets!

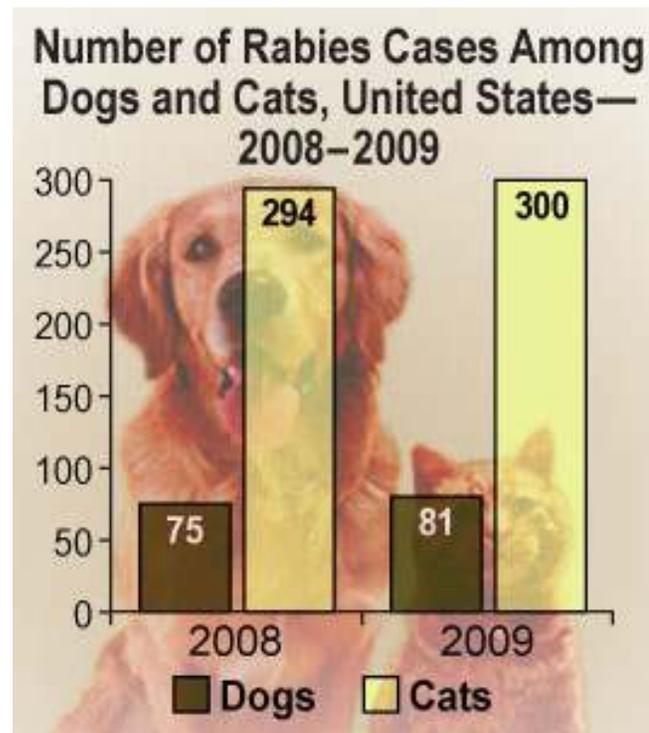
State & Local Requirements



- Required by California State Law in all dogs over 4 months old
 - ▣ Rabies titers: measure response to vaccination and may be a requirement for animal export abroad
 - ▣ Cannot be used in lieu of vaccination (not a substitute for the vaccine)
- Required by the City of Long Beach residents for all cats over 4 months old
 - ▣ PureVax vs. conventional rabies

Why does my cat need to be vaccinated for rabies?

- Cats are the domestic animal most diagnosed with rabies in the United States



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Rare case of cat rabies discovered near bat-infested house

By Keisha Courtney, KBAK - KBFX - Eyewitness News - BakersfieldNow.com | Published: Apr 13, 2012 at 6:33 PM PDT

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BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (KBAK/KBFX) — Kern County Department of Public Health officials are urging animal owners to have their pets vaccinated for rabies. A house cat was discovered to be infected with the virus.

Bakersfield Veterinary Hospital owner, Dr. Paul Ulrich said it is the first case he has seen in Kern County in more than 30 years. The cat was brought into his facility on Wednesday.

"The cat came in with a behavioral

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Orange County News 

Bat tests positive for rabies at Laguna Niguel

Saturday, June 25, 2011



Orange County health officials said a bat found at Laguna Niguel Regional Park on Laz Paz Road tested positive for rabies. (KABC Photo)

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Laguna Beach Animal Services: a cat killed a bat that tested positive for **rabies**.

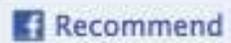
The cat was not up-to-date on rabies vaccination

Cat had to undergo a six month rabies quarantine, per state law. Had the rabies vaccine been current, only a one month quarantine would be required.

The owner had to receive post-exposure prophylaxis

Why does my cat need to be vaccinated for rabies?

Two in Whitfield County exposed to rabies by 'indoor' cat

 Recommend  2,106 people recommend this. Be the first of your friends.

Posted: Oct 31, 2012 7:36 AM PDT

By WRCB Staff - [email](#)

DALTON, GA (WRCB) -- Two Whitfield County residents are now undergoing rabies treatments after exposure to a pet cat that the Georgia Public Health Laboratory has now confirmed as positive for rabies.

The 15-year old cat bit its owner and exposed the owner's fiancée to the disease before it died. A test for rabies came back positive October 26, 2012.

The cat was reported to have had rabies vaccinations in the past but was not current with its vaccinations.

Due to the age of the animal and being kept indoors, the expected probability of rabies was considered small. The cat's owner could not remember an incident when the cat may have been exposed to rabies.



Rabies vaccine deferments

- ❑ Rabies vaccine exemptions are granted for dogs/cats with serious medical conditions
- ❑ Submitted to the your jurisdiction's public health department for approval
- ❑ In Long Beach, requests are reviewed by the shelter veterinarian and the City Health Officer
- ❑ More info available on our website:
www.longbeach.gov/acs/pet_license



Sources of further information

- Public health departments:
 - www.longbeach.gov/health
 - www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/vet/rabies.htm
 - www.ochealthinfo.com/epi/rabies.htm
 - www.cdph.ca.gov
- Center for Disease Control
 - www.cdc.gov/rabies
- World Health Organization
 - www.who.int/en/

Dog Park Etiquette



What **NOT** To Do

DON'T ever bring a dog that is under 4 months of age.

DON'T take your dog to a dog park if her or she is dog reactive.

DON'T bring or use treats and toys when other dogs are nearby.

DON'T allow a dog to bully another.

DON'T ever let your dog off-leash if he or she is not responsive to verbal commands.

DON'T bring intact males or females in estrus to a dog park.

DON'T spend your time talking on a cell phone - you must supervise your dog at all times and be able to give your dog your full attention!

Good Rules To Follow

- 1. Make sure your dog is up-to-date on his or her vaccinations.**
- 2. Observe the dogs in the dog park to see if there are any potential health or behavior problems.**
- 3. Clean up after your dog.**
- 4. SUPERVISE dogs when they are playing and interrupt any rough play.**
- 5. Be willing to leave a dog park if you feel that your dog is either being a bully, the play is getting too rough, or your dog is just not having fun.**
- 6. Make sure your dog is not being bullied by other dogs.**

Rough/Dominant Play











QUESTIONS ?