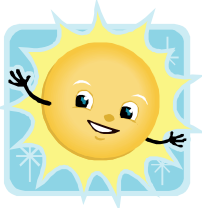


## Summer Fun and Safety



Summer is here and with all the rain we have had, it is best to get your dog on heartworm (HW) right away. That requires a blood test first to make sure your dog didn't contract HW last year. The problem is not a large one in this area, but it is becoming so. More people are moving to Colorado with their dogs from other areas and HW is spreading.

It's also a time to remember the dangers of dogs and cars! Temperatures can rise VERY fast inside a car, even with the windows 'cracked' open. Heat stroke and death can occur in an extremely short period of time inside a car in the summer sun. Please do not leave your dogs in the car... love them and leave them home! Dogs don't like you to blow in their nose, yet they love to stick their heads out the window of the car while riding down the road. It is best to not allow your dog to hang out the window because this is a dangerous practice for several reasons. But the most important one is that of eye health. Ever had your hand out the window and got smacked by a bug or piece of road debris or dirt? It stung, didn't it? Now think of that same thing slamming into your beloved animal's eye – OUCH!! If your dog enjoys this activity, you try getting him a pair of Doggles. They are goggles for dogs and come in many designs and colors. Just use "Good Search" and search for "Doggles" and you're sure to come up with many sites. If you're traveling this summer with your pets, you might check

<http://www.doginmysuitcase.com/>

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## Alternative Cancer Treatment

From time to time we will send you information that we feel might be of interest and useful. We make no claims for any treatment but are just sharing information. Perhaps giving a maintenance dose will keep cancer away? This is an extract of an email which we received...

This past fall, Meeko was diagnosed with mast cell cancer. It was originally a large mass that we hoped was an isolated tumor located on the back of her neck, which was removed. It was a grade II (on a scale of I-III, III being metastasized) at the time, and highly aggressive. While we hoped for the best, the vet said it would be back quickly if it had metastasized.

It had metastasized. The first week of January, Meeko began having tumors show up on her head, neck, muzzle, chest, back, sides, and underarms - dozens everywhere. There also appears to be a large hard mass under her front left shoulder blade.

A long story, but I decided to try an experimental drug that has shown success in treating mast cell tumors in cell culture and other types of cancer in mice, called curcumin. This is the yellow in tumeric, a spice found in curry powder. This both cuts off the blood supply to the growing tumor as well as causes tumor cell death (p53 mediated apoptosis). The dosage we started with was 80 mg/kg/day, or 400 mg twice a day for a 25 lb dog, administered orally. The drug is available over the counter through health food stores and is labeled "tumeric".

At 8 days, most of the tumors turned black, clotted, and disappeared. The large mass changed consistency. Unfortunately, at 10 days it was clear that some tumors had not been killed. We have now increased the dosage to 120 mg per day, which is the highest we can go without toxicity.

The drug has no apparent side affects - eating is good, she is actually feeling much better, the limp in the front left leg is gone and she is again climbing stairs. We can remove the small tumors on the body, IF the big ones are killed.....

However, the important news is that the folks at Emory Medical School are planning a study to test another compound, a curcumin that has been modified so more is absorbed orally, in dogs with mast cell cancer, based on the results in Meeko. This technology is being developed by a small start up company called Curry Pharmaceuticals.

Dr. Camelia Anne Bishop

[www.myamericaneskimodogs.com](http://www.myamericaneskimodogs.com)

## **Real Dangers Of Raisins And Grapes**

We've probably all heard it before, but this drives home the dangers of raisins (and grapes). How sad.... Remember too, NO onions, Macadamia nuts or many flowers in your garden. Check the plants in your yard against this list to see if your pets are safe. <http://www.cybercanine.com/toxicplants.htm>

"This week I had the first case in history of raisin toxicity ever seen at MedVet. My patient was a 56-pound, 5 yr old male neutered lab mix that ate half a canister of raisins sometime between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM on Tuesday. He started with vomiting, diarrhea and shaking about 1:00 AM on Wednesday but the owner didn't call my emergency service until 7:00 AM

I had heard somewhere about raisins AND grapes causing acute Renal failure but hadn't seen any formal paper on the subject. We had her bring the dog in immediately. In the meantime, I called the ER service at MedVet, and the doctor there was like me - had heard something about it, but.... Anyway, we contacted the ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center and they said to give IV fluids at 1 BD times maintenance and watch the kidney values for the next 48-72 hours.

The dog's BUN (blood urea nitrogen level) was already at 32 (normal less than 27) and creatinine over 5 (1.9 is the high end of normal). Both are monitors of kidney function in the bloodstream. We placed an IV catheter and started the fluids. Rechecked the renal values at 5 PM and the BUN was over 40 and creatinine over 7 with no urine production after a liter of fluids. At the point I felt the dog was in acute renal failure and sent him on to MedVet for a urinary catheter to monitor urine output overnight as well as overnight care.

He started vomiting again overnight at MedVet and his renal values have continued to increase daily. He produced urine when given lasix as a diuretic. He was on 3 different anti-vomiting medications and they still couldn't control his vomiting. Today his urine output decreased again, his BUN was over 120, his creatinine was at 10, his phosphorus was very elevated and his blood pressure, which had been staying around 150, skyrocketed to 220. He continued to vomit and the owners elected to euthanize.

This is a very sad case - great dog, great owners who had no idea raisins could be a toxin. Please alert everyone you know who has a dog of this very serious risk. Poison control said as few as 7 raisins or grapes could be toxic. Many people I know give their dogs grapes or raisins as treats including our ex-handler's. Any exposure should give rise to immediate concern.

Laurinda Morris, DVM, Danville Veterinary Clinic, Ohio"

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## **More On Dog Food And Feeding...**

The number of recalled dog foods stemming from poisoned imported Chinese wheat continues to increase. For this reason, I'm suggesting once again you subscribe to the Whole Dog Journal ([www.whole-dog-journal.com](http://www.whole-dog-journal.com)) and see what they have to say. They evaluate dog foods and tell you how to do it too. Always read the labels because companies will change their ingredient list when prices rise or fall. We are at the mercy of the market. Remember protein is more expensive, so when that goes up, more grains are usually added to the food. Since dogs are meat eaters it is very important that you put your money into meat protein. That is, meat (chicken or turkey for Dalmatians) or meat meal should be the first ingredient on the list of foods. Canines can eat some grains but it is not in their best interest to eat much since they were designed to thrive on a diet of about 80% meat and 20% vegetables. For your dog's health, it is most important to read what you are feeding our pets. Of course, there should be no artificial preservatives, glycol, colorings, etc. that only impact your pet's health. Corn is not digested by dogs so why feed it. There is also a feeling by many holistic vets that corn plays a role in epilepsy. Corn can also have aflatoxins which are extremely toxic. That is what killed about 6,000 dogs and cats in last year's pet food recall by Diamond Dog foods. Unknown to anyone, the aflatoxins were on the grain mixed into the dog food. An accident, but it caused so much misery and death and expense.

There are many resources for feeding raw if you search for BARF on the internet. Dr. Billinghurst is the leading proponent and he is a vet from Australia. Check out what he has to say. Even if you don't want to go totally raw, consider adding raw turkey to your dry food because it gives the dog the all-important enzymes needed to prevent cancer. With cancer on the rise due to a polluted environment and dog foods full of corns and sugars that cancers thrive in... it's no wonder our pets aren't as healthy as they could be. Far too many dogs are dying of cancer and dying younger than ever before. Could it be the food we feed?

Also, rotate or mix dog foods... Dogs and humans need a variety to have a balanced diet. Horses do well on hay, grass and grain. The rest of us need a variety so consider feeding raw where there is lots of variety or mixing and rotating your dry foods. Remember, Dalmatians (and really all dogs) need water added to their meal so that they have a good intake of moisture. For Dalmatians it is to flush their urinary tract and for the rest of the breeds it is to make the meal easier to eat! Don't we put milk on our cereal? Why not eat it dry? Think about it!

This is an excellent resource for checking foods before feeding <http://www.thepetfoodlist.com/>

# Bits & Pieces

## Do you like to Run?

Dogs love to run, so why not make it fun and safe to do so!

Just remember that if your dog is not used to running on pavement that you MUST work him/her up to a full exercise program SLOWLY! You need to toughen the pads of the feet, so that he/she can go longer and further in comfort. If your dog is in good weight and has good joint health, start with a slow 1/2 mile jaunt and build from there. If your dog's joints are stiff, often slow exercise is good to restore flexibility to the joint. Disuse means stiffness. Just do it slowly! If you need joint supplementation, check [www.calvetsupply.com](http://www.calvetsupply.com) and try Arthritisoothe Gold and/or Duralactin. Both are natural, effective and affordable.

No, get out there and everybody exercise! Tired dogs are happy dogs with happy owners!

For summer fun and for keeping your dog in good condition all year, check these sites:

<http://www.springerusa.com/>

<http://www.dogpoweredscooter.com/>

<http://www.dogscooter.com/products.htm>

[http://www.amazon.com/Dog-Scooter-Sport-Dogs-Love/dp/1411657063/ref=pd\\_bbs\\_sr\\_1/102-8605602-5230534?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1180506731&sr=8-1](http://www.amazon.com/Dog-Scooter-Sport-Dogs-Love/dp/1411657063/ref=pd_bbs_sr_1/102-8605602-5230534?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1180506731&sr=8-1)

## Our President has a NEW Email Address!



**NEW** email for Beth White – [beth@dalmatianrescue.org](mailto:beth@dalmatianrescue.org)

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Theresa (Terry) R. Cooper, PhD

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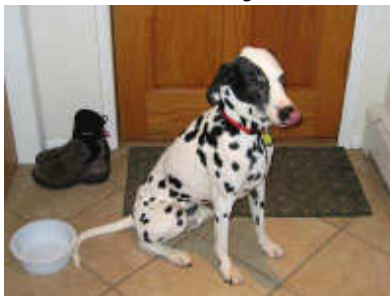
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# In The Doghouse... Our Featured Dalmatian Rocky3



Description: 3 years old, Black Neutered Male

Location: Foster Home

Reason: Owner surrender

URGENT: Rocky will be going into Boarding on May 16, so we are hoping to find a foster home for him by then. Rocky is a sweet, bouncy dog with separation anxiety. However he is good as long as he is not in a crate. We are working on finding the key to Rocky's needs, using natural calmatives, lots of exercise, and training. We are looking for a foster home for this boy where he can continue his program. Rocky is good in the house, good with people and dogs but cats are unknown. He currently is in Ft. Collins and he is a nice dog with nice manners but needs consistency, persistence and time. A home with another dog and a dog door would be perfect for him. Calling all Dog Doors!!

Comments:

**NOTE: We are pleased to announce that our Featured Dalmatian, "Pongo101", in the last NewSpots! was adopted!!**

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## Featured Happy Beginning Story PAISLEY



When we had to put our 16-year old Dalmatian to sleep, we were devastated and weren't sure if or when we might be ready for another. But our house was so quiet and empty without a dog, so we started looking at rescue websites. Paisley was the only Dalmatian available in our town, so we went to visit her at her foster mom's. She was sweet and quiet but she did sit down right on my husband's feet. We decided right away we wanted to adopt her.

She was just about to have puppies and needed to be spayed before we could bring her home. When we finally got her, she had stitches and was still a little under the weather from the operation. But it didn't take long at all for her to perk up and make a special place in our hearts. She has all the wonderful qualities we loved so much in our old guy, but with her own unique and wonderful twist. She is such a joy and a blessing. She is very affectionate and gentle. She is polite and well-behaved but she also can get riled up and play. She is definitely daddy's girl and the two of them go out walking or running everyday. She has no lingering effects of her prior life and she fits into our home and our lives perfectly. We take her with us everywhere we go and everyone remarks about how beautiful she is. We have probably taken hundreds of photos of her in the few weeks we've had her. Paisley will never replace our old guy, but she is making her own place and we are so happy. We look forward to many years of joy and happiness with her.

Patrick & Michelle  
Albuquerque, NM

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