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Go ORANGE for ASPCA!



On Tuesday, April 7 from 4-7 pm the ASPCA is sponsoring GO Orange for Animals at the Boardwalk in Bossier City.

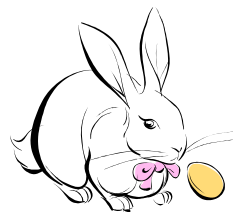
Pets will be allowed on the Boardwalk for this day only. Pets must be dressed in some type of orange and be on a leash to be admitted onto the Boardwalk. All pets and owners must remain in the designated Go Orange for pets area.

There will be a Best Dressed Orange Costume contest. Free Orange Crush will be available while supplies last and Boardwalk Coupon Books with over \$500 in savings will be given to the owners of the first 200 pets to show up dressed in orange.

Cat/Dog adoptions will be available through the Caddo Parish Animal Shelter. The Krewes of Barkus & Meoux will man a table at the event to provide info about KBM.

It's going to be a fun event. So, come on out with your pet to enjoy a Spring evening in our local area. See you there!

HAPPY EASTER
TO ALL KREWES MEMBERS



April 2009

Krewes of Barkus and Meoux

2009 Royalty:

Pamala Coker, DVM, PhD
Captain

Kenneth Paul
King Ambassador

Ginger Paul
Queen Ambassador

Richard Kellham
Duke Ambassador

Courtney Gaston
Duchess Ambassador

Allyesia Noelle Razinsky
Princess

William Dean Tuggle, III
Prince

Sarah Kate Taliaferro
Princess

Benjamin Wilkinson
Prince

Callie Elizabeth Tuggle
Princess

Jacob Wilkinson
Prince

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Top 10 Pet Poisons

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With various dangers lurking in corners and cabinets, the home can be a minefield of poisons for our pets. In 2008, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) in Urbana, IL, handled more than 140,000 cases of pets exposed to toxic substances, many of which included everyday household products. Don't leave it up to Fido or Fluffy to keep themselves safe. Below is a list of the top ten pet poisons that affected our furry friends in 2008:

Human Medications—For several years, human medications have been number one on the ASPCA's list of common hazards, and 2008 was no exception. Last year, the ASPCA managed more than 50,000 calls involving prescription and over-the-counter drugs, such as painkillers, cold medications, antidepressants and dietary supplements. Pets often snatch pill vials from counters and nightstands or gobble up medications accidentally dropped on the floor, so it's essential to keep meds tucked away in hard-to-reach cabinets.

Insecticides—In our effort to battle home invasions of unwelcome pests, we often unwittingly put our pets at risk. In 2008, our toxicologists fielded more than 31,000 calls related to insecticides. One of the most common incidents involved the misuse of flea and tick products—such as applying the wrong topical treatment to the wrong species. Thus, it's always important to talk to your pet's veterinarian before beginning any flea and tick control program.

People Food—People food like grapes, raisins, avocado and certain citrus fruit can seriously harm our furry friends, and accounted for more than 15,000 cases in 2008. One of the worst offenders—chocolate—contains large amounts of methylxanthines, which, if ingested in significant amounts, can cause vomiting, diarrhea, panting, excessive thirst, urination, hyperactivity, and in severe cases, abnormal heart rhythm, tremors and seizures.

Rodenticides—Last year, the ASPCA received approximately 8,000 calls about pets who had accidentally ingested rat and mouse poisons. Many baits used to attract rodents contain inactive ingredients that are attractive to pets as well. Depending on the type of rodenticide, ingestions can lead to potentially life-threatening problems for pets, including bleeding, seizures and kidney damage.

Veterinary Medications—Even though veterinary medications are intended for pets, they're often misapplied or improperly dispensed by well-meaning pet parents. In 2008, the ASPCA managed nearly 8,000 cases involving animal-related preparations such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, heartworm preventatives, de-wormers, antibiotics, vaccines and nutritional supplements.

Plants—Common houseplants were the subject of nearly 8,000 calls to the Animal Poison Control Center in 2008. Varieties such as azalea, rhododendron, sago palm, lilies, kalanchoe and schefflera are often found in homes and can be harmful to pets. Lilies are especially toxic to cats, and can cause life-threatening kidney failure even in small amounts.

Chemical Hazards—In 2008, the Animal Poison Control Center handled approximately 5,500 cases of pet exposure to chemical hazards. A category on the rise, chemical hazards—found in ethylene glycol antifreeze, paint thinner, drain cleaners and pool/spa chemicals—form a substantial danger to pets. Substances in this group can cause gastrointestinal upset, depression, respiratory difficulties and chemical burns.

Household Cleaners—Everybody knows that household cleaning supplies can be toxic to adults and children, but few take precautions to protect their pets from common agents such as bleaches, detergents and disinfectants. Last year, the ASPCA received more than 3,200 calls related to household cleaners. These products, when inhaled by our furry friends, can cause serious gastrointestinal distress and irritation to the respiratory tract.

Heavy Metals—It's not too much loud music that constitutes our next pet poison offender. Instead, it's heavy metals such as lead, zinc and mercury, which accounted for more than 3,000 cases of pet poisonings in 2008. Lead is especially pernicious, and pets are exposed to it through many sources, including consumer products, paint chips, linoleum, and lead dust produced when surfaces in older homes are scraped or sanded.

Fertilizer—It may keep your grass green, but certain types of fertilizer can cause problems for outdoor cats and dogs. Last year, the ASPCA fielded more than 2,000 calls related to fertilizer exposure. Prevention is really key to avoiding accidental exposure, but if you suspect your pet has ingested something lawn-side, please contact your veterinarian or the **Animal Poison Control Center's 24-hour hotline at (888) 426-4435.**

Mardi Gras Krewe Coronation Schedule

Believe it or not, dates for the 2010 Mardi Gras season are already on the 2009 calendars. For those interested, the following coronation dates are already scheduled as follows:

August 1 - Artemis Coronation, CAC Bldg at 301 Church St. in Springhill

August 8 - Gemini Coronation, TBA

August 21 - Justinian Coronation, Eastridge Country Club in Shreveport

August 22 - Centaur Coronation, TBA

August 29 - Ambassadeurs Coronation, Pine Hills Country Club in Minden, 7:00PM

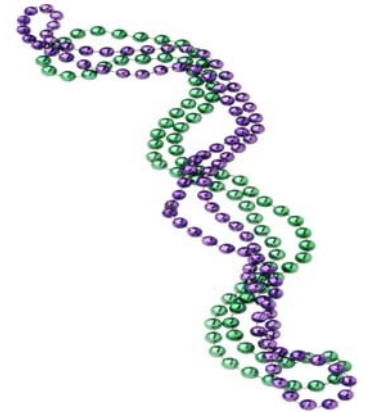
September 11 - Sobek Coronation, Riverview Hall

Wanted: Dead 2009 Mardi Gras beads!

Now that this year's Mardi Gras celebration is over are you tired of tripping over beads your kids/pets have scattered around the floor of your house?

If so, you can gather them all up and donate them to KRM for our royalty to use next year. All beads collected will be washed and sorted in preparation for 2010 activities.

We'd LOVE to have beads from your friends and neighbors as well so please help us get the word out! Thanks!



Meet Maxwell & Milo



Maxwell & Milo, were abandoned together at Caddo Animal Control (they are from the same litter, best guess at age is 1 to 2 years old) and were some of the first patients of Robinson's Rescue—neutered sometime mid September '08 and adopted in early October '08. Now in the home of Erin & Charlie Erin and Charlie Caplis, they frequent the doggie day care of Heather Lindsey-Holland (*Lucky's Yellow Rubber Ducky, Inc.*) Thanks, Lindsey, for this story and photo!

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About Cats & Dogs...

A Garden of Dangerous Delights

Cats are generally picky eaters, but that doesn't mean they don't get into trouble nibbling on plants that they encounter around your home.



Some common flowers and flowering shrubs, such as lilies, oleander, azaleas, tulip and narcissus bulbs, kalanchoe, and the roots of the cyclamen plant, are among the most toxic plants, according to the [ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center](#). The nuts and seeds of sago palms, castor bean (the source of castor oil), and yew also can cause poisoning, so keep an eye on your pet as she makes her way around the yard.

How Does Your Garden Grow?



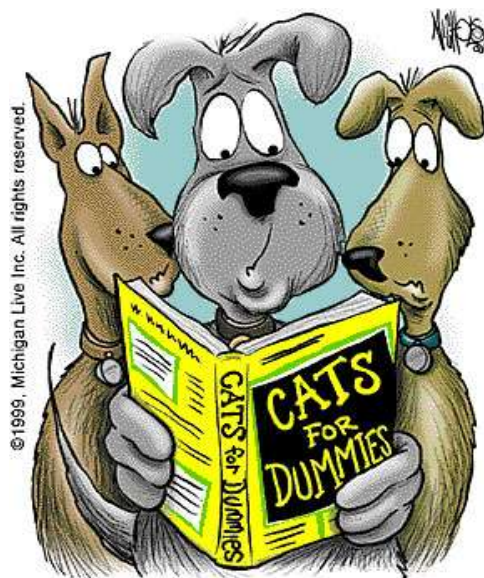
Gardeners who use cocoa mulch unwittingly put dogs at risk.

The mulch is made from the hulls of cocoa beans and contains theobromine, an ingredient also found in chocolate, which can be harmful to dogs. Attracted by the scent, some dogs eat the mulch, consuming quantities large enough to be toxic. To keep your dog safe and your garden green, use bark mulch as an alternative.

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**SAVE THIS DATE for next year's KBM Mardi Gras 2010 Pet Parade:
Sunday, Feb. 7, 2010 at the Boardwalk!!!**

Canine Funny



Feline Funny

