



Krewe of Barkus and Meoux, Inc.

"The Animal Krewe"

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Chow, Chow, Chow for Barkus & Meoux



On Thursday night, July 9 let us do the cooking. Come out and support Shreveport Police K-9 and the KBM Float Remodel.

Shavers Catering on Youree Drive (corner of Ockley and Youree Drive) is providing wonderful chicken and sausage jambalaya dinners. Meals will be packed and served by KBM members.

Folks don't even have to get out of their car-KBM "car hops" will bring tasty jambalaya dinners right to them! Krewe members will be needed to help provide this service.

Tickets are \$6/each or 2/\$10. They are available by emailing animalkrewe@yahoo.com, calling 752-CATS or stop by The Cat Doctor on Youree Drive.

Please help us in our efforts with this important fund-raising activity. We look forward to seeing you there!

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

WISHING ALL STUDENTS & TEACHERS

A SAFE RESTFUL SUMMER BREAK.



June 2009

**Krewe 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 Taliaffero
Princess

Benjamin Wilkinson
Prince

Callie Elizabeth Tuggle
Princess

Jacob Wilkinson
Prince

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KBM Coronation to be held August 23 at Taylortown

The KBM Coronation is scheduled for Sunday, August 23 at Taylortown General Store (Taylortown is a community south of Bossier City at the intersection of Hwy 71 & 527).

Our 2010 Royal Court will be presented and a Silent Auction is planned to assist us in fund-raising for emergency animal care and the T/N/R program. If you have items you wish to donate, please contact Tresa Fry at 294-3284.

Thanks to Ginger Paul's cousin, owner of the facility (currently under renovations to be an events center) for letting us use it for this year's event!

We look forward to seeing everyone at this "Pawsitively Patriotic" fun event!



Pet Savers Pet Education Program is reaching out

Pet Savers introduces Pet Savers PEP (Pet Education Program). The goal of this program is to visit classrooms and give presentations accordingly to school age groups.

The presentations include information about caring for pets, basic responsibilities of feeding and providing clean water & adequate shelter, heartworms and health, adopting animals from animal shelters, spaying and neutering and many more topics.

PEP can be a great success but the organization is in need of help. Volunteers are needed to visit classrooms and assist with presentations, make activity packets and help make craft items for kids. They will be looking for schools/classrooms to visit in the 2009-2010 school year.



They are also in need of the following item donations: animal stickers, plain white cardstock & white printer paper, clear packing tape, anything animal themed that can be given as incentive awards and prizes to kids who participate in the program.

For more information on this program, please contact Erica Callais at elcallais@gmail.com and let her know of your interest.



*Congrats and Best wishes to Lori & Richard
married Saturday, June 6, 2009!*



Feline Safety: Cat-Proofing Your Home (CatAge Fast Facts)

Cats are naturally inquisitive and playful, so it's important to eliminate any potential indoor dangers before they get their paws on them. Hanging cords, electrical wires, and anything small enough to be swallowed can be hazardous to your cat's health and should be kept out of reach at all times. Windows should always be closed or properly screened to avoid accidental falls or runaway cats.

Other common potential **dangers at home** include:

Foods: Chocolate and coffee are not the only kitchen items dangerous to your cat. Improperly stowed garbage can harbor dangerous bacteria and toxins, as well as choking hazards such as discarded chicken bones. Read more about [off-limits people foods](#).

Plants: If you suspect your cat has eaten part of a poisonous plant, immediately bring your cat to the veterinarian. If possible, provide a sample of the plant to assist with identification. For a comprehensive [list of toxic plants](#) for pets, [visit the ASPCA](#).

Medicines: Never give your cat medicine without first consulting your vet. Human medicine, even in small doses, can be potentially fatal to cats. [Flea treatments](#) intended for dogs are also dangerous. Never use canine flea treatments on cats.

Garages: With its sweet flavor, antifreeze is a common cause of feline poisoning. Oil, gasoline, and other spills should be cleaned up immediately, and cars should be checked regularly for leaks. Fertilizers, cleaning supplies, insect traps and bait, pesticides, and paints all present dangers to your cat. Keep all containers tightly sealed and out of reach, and be sure to clean spills immediately.

Yards: Cats who walk or play on pesticide- or fertilizer-treated lawns can be poisoned via consumption or skin absorption. For this reason, treated lawns should be off limits to pets until they are deemed safe. Check your lawn-care products for specific safety instructions. If you suspect your cat has had external contact with a poisonous substance, whether it's fertilizer, insecticide, or other outdoor poison, it is important to bathe your cat thoroughly and immediately.

Additional household items that are highly toxic even in low quantities include pot-pourri, pennies, mothballs, fabric softener sheets, automatic dish detergents, toilet water, batteries, homemade play dough, and all forms of nicotine.

For more information on toxins and pets, visit the [National Animal Poison Control Center](#).

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About Cats & Dogs...

Two Kittens, or One?

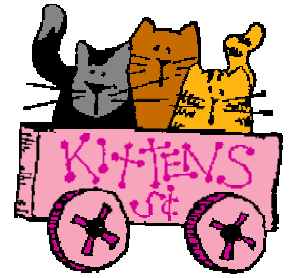
Although it's hard to believe, two kittens may actually require *less* work than one.

How so? Kittens are social creatures and tend to be happier -- and therefore better-behaved -- with a buddy their own age. Doubling up on your kitten quota can:

Alleviate boredom and loneliness. A kitten needs oodles of stimulation, and odds are you won't be able to keep up with the energy level. But *two* kittens will wrestle, chase, play, and entertain each other all day, which will give you a chance to put your feet up and relax now and then.

Provide important training. Kittens are natural copy cats and will mimic one another's behavior -- including appropriate litter box use and proper grooming techniques.

Spare your older cat relentless pestering. A single kitten may constantly seek out your older, more sedate cat as a play-mate, leading to frustration for both.



Happy Trails and Tails



The air is fresh, and your buddy is by your side. What could be more fun and feel less like a workout than hiking with your dog? Just keep these pup-healthy points in mind:

- **Avoid multipurpose trails.** Don't make Fido share the path with dirt bikes or ATVs. And avoid paths heavily trafficked by mountain bikers or cross-country skiers.
- **Keep cool.** Watch for signs that a shade break is needed, like heavy panting and bright red gums.
- **Carry water.** Offer water often; dogs drink more than humans.
- **Use a leash.** Chipmunks and other critters can be too darned tempting.
- **Use sunscreen.** Fair doggy noses can burn just like human ones.

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Feline Funny

It's a cat eat dog world



Canine Funny



"Even we're getting sick of your barking."