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The Newsletter of the Animal Clinic of Chardon

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ACOC PET FAIR



Our Pet Fair is 22 years in the making! Join us for a fun, dog & child friendly good time! Park at 100 Parker Court and take our courtesy shuttle right to the clinic. Enjoy snacks from Kiki's Snack Shack while listening to great music by Carlito's Dream. Try your luck at dunking Dr. Tom or win a prize in our "Retriever Raffle." Dress your dog in their best beach gear to win our costume contest. Take a tour of our facility and have the chance to win a Dyson Pet Vacuum. Visit our vendors and have your dog enjoy one of our "pup cups." And that's still not everything! And the best part is all proceeds go to the Geauga County Dog Warden, Maddox and Friends Cat Rescue, and our very own Angel Fund. See you August 20th from 1 - 4 pm!

PET SAFETY ALERT: THE RISING DANGERS OF BLUE-GREEN ALGAE

Alarming reports have recently surfaced of blue-green algae intoxications in pets. Many pet parents don't realize the severity of the threat these toxins pose to animals, and it's easy to overlook. During this recent spike in blue-green algae cases, we want to make sure you have everything you need to know to keep pets safe.

What Is Blue-Green Algae and Why Is It Dangerous?

Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) is most likely to thrive in bodies of fresh water when the weather is warm (over 75 degrees) and sunny. Algae intoxications happen more during the summer because weather conditions promote the growth of cyanobacteria. These organisms are incredibly toxic and are known to cause poisoning in dogs, cats, livestock, wildlife, birds, fish and even humans.

How to Spot It

Water containing toxic algae blooms will often have the appearance of a pea-green paint or will appear as if there's slime on the surface.

If certain wind conditions are present, the film will often concentrate along the shoreline in areas where animals may drink or swim.

Symptoms of Intoxication

Dogs can develop poisoning when they drink from, or even simply swim in, contaminated water sources. If blue-green algae is ingested, it can cause severe neurologic or liver damage.

Signs of blue-green algae toxicity include:

- Seizures
- Panting
- Excessive drooling
- Respiratory failure
- Diarrhea
- Disorientation
- Vomiting
- Liver failure
- Ultimately death

If your dog begins to experience any of these symptoms, you should contact your veterinarian immediately.

Stay Alert!

Prevention is key when it comes to any pet toxin. Don't allow your pets to drink from stagnant ponds, lakes or other bodies of water that have bluish-green scum on the surface or around the edges.

Blue-green algae cells can also stick to a pet's fur and be ingested when they clean themselves, so take caution before allowing your pet to jump into a body of water and be sure to rinse your pet thoroughly with fresh water after going for a dip.

Many public health departments test water frequently in areas that are known to have outbreaks and will post signs when there is a problem—so vigilance is also important.

Visit ASPCA for more information.



Save at our Online Store

Lobby Now Open!

We missed you!

Please continue using the drive-thru for all pick-ups, drop-offs, and surgery admits.

Curbside appointments are still available.

2 people are permitted per appointment



If you are feeling ill, please reschedule or utilize our curbside service.

WHY DO DOGS MAKE SUCH BAD
DANCERS?
THEY HAVE 2 LEFT FEET

ACOC Birthdays

8/11 Jodi

8/17 Dr. Wendy

8/31 Mike

