



Monday - Friday 10 to 6
Saturday 9 to 4
Sunday Closed

June 2010

Leash on Life is an A-list Winner!

Not only did we rank first place as your favorite pet store in eastern Iowa, but people said such nice things about our store. Don't misunderstand us, we love the fact that we won, but we appreciate even more all the wonderful and warm comments you took the time to submit to the [KCRG](#) A-list contest. **Thank you so very much!** ~~ Julie & Laurie

Twistable, Linkable, Funable...



Joining our other treat-dispensing puzzle toys options are the new Linkables. You can now mix and match toys to create an ever-changing toy combination for your dog. For beginners you can start with one shape, once your dog easily empties the toy, add another Link to increase the challenge. The fun and number of links is endless. We still have the tried and true standard of the Kong. A well stuffed Kong is something to behold. Just a few of the other treat-puzzle toys we keep on hand are the Busy Buddy Tug-a-Jugs and A-Maze-a-ball. No, we have not forgotten that cats need to keep their minds and bodies active. We now have treat dispensing balls for them too!

Tick, Tock, Uck...

The summer brings several parasite diseases to Iowa. Lyme disease is one that affects both humans and dogs. Carried by ticks, if your dog contracts Lyme disease he/she may show symptoms of lethargy, little interest in food, lameness and a fever. Lyme is a bacterial infection that your veterinarian can detect with a blood test and can effectively treat if caught early. If left untreated long-lasting arthritis may occur as well as chronic heart, neurologic or kidney problems. It is the tick bite that passes on the bacteria. Clearly prevention is the best way to protect your dog. Check their coat when you come inside, the sooner the tick is removed the better since the tick has to be feeding for 24 hours for the Lyme disease to be transmitted. It might be months after the bite before you see any symptoms in your dog. It is very unlikely that your cat will contract Lyme disease, once again showing us what all cats know...cats rule, dogs drool!



Bunnies, the Sequel...

Last month we talked about hay for bunnies, now let's talk about pellets, veggies and treats. Pellets provide the vitamins and minerals required for a healthy diet. A high-fiber pellet is best for your rabbit. Since there are nutritional reasons to feed cat's cat food and dog's dog food the same is true for rabbits. Be sure to choose an age appropriate pellet designed especially for rabbits. Avoid mixes with nuts, corn, seeds and fruit. Rabbits cannot digest and metabolize these rich ingredients. Treats are a great way to bond with your rabbit. You love giving treats and they love eating them! Now is when rabbits become dogs...offering too many treats can encourage Buggs to refuse basic rabbit foods and the nutritional benefits. Contrary to popular belief, rabbits don't need a steady supply of carrots and other sweet treats such as yogurt drops and seed sticks. Offer all-natural treats only after your pet eats basic foods.

Food update...



We have learned that Natura Pet Products (maker of Cal.Natural, Evo and Innova) will be selling their business to P&G this month. At this time P&G states they do not plan on any formula or production facility changes. They do plan wider marketing of the Natura line. As for the future source of the ingredients, there has been no comment. The reason we have carried Natura products is the quality of their ingredients, recipes and facilities. We hope P&G maintains the same rigorously high standards as

Natura. If you feed a Natura product and are concerned that the sale of this quality, independently owned company will have its products compromised in the future, we can make recommendations of other holistic foods we carry which maintain human grade ingredients and their own processing facilities. We take this development seriously and will keep you posted on what we learn.

Putts for Mutts...

You don't have to be Zack Johnson to make a difference on the golf course. If you like to golf and would like to support the Friends of the Animal Center Foundation (FACF) and Safe Heaven of Iowa County then "Putts for Mutts" is your opportunity. Putt for Mutts is a two person best ball benefit golf tournament.

Where: Brown Deer Golf Course, Coralville

When: July 11, 2010 9 a.m.

Price: \$75 includes 18 holes with cart and lunch

How: Registration form, <http://www.facf.org/registration.pdf>. Registration deadline is July 1st



Adoptable dog of the Month: Lanie

Lanie is a Rottweiler/Labrador mix. At about 7 years old she is still an active girl who loves toys and playing chase. She is friendly and outgoing. Lanie is well trained and knows sit, stay, down, come, and shake. She can be nervous initially in new situations but recovers quickly to her happy self. You can get information about any of the dogs, cats or bunnies at the Iowa City Adoption Center by visiting the web site www.icanimalcenter.org or calling 319-356-5295

Little Stinkers...

The first true sign of summer is skunk smell, and yes, they are out and about! If your dog ends up with a perfumed scent you don't like, we have a remedy. In an open container, mix one quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide, ¼ cup baking soda, and 2 tsp liquid dish soap. Wash your dog while the mixture is foaming and then rinse (AVOIDING the eyes!). Hydrogen peroxide can bleach so consider what you are wearing. Your dog might also end up with that "peroxide" blond coat, but they should smell better. If you prefer we also carry commercial anti-skunk shampoos.

