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Our Purpose: Enhancing the community of Galveston Island by improving the life of animals through exceptional and compassionate veterinary care.

The Animal Connection

DoggieWiches

Great for an afternoon snack, or to hide the dreaded pill!



- 4 cups whole wheat flour
 - 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - One 14.5 ounce can chicken broth
 - 4 tablespoons dried parsley flakes
 - 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1. Place all ingredients in a large bowl. Mix thoroughly to combine.
 2. Roll out dough on floured surface to about 1/8 inch thick and cut into squares using a cookie cutter. Combine dough scraps and continue to roll out and cut into shapes until all dough has been used.
 3. Place cookies on ungreased foil-lined baking sheets, and bake in a preheated 325°F oven for 30-35 minutes. Turn off oven and let cookies dry in oven for 3 hours or overnight. Place dog's favorite sandwich filling (peanut butter or cheese) between two squares.

Source: The Good Food Cookbook for Dogs



Fleas, ticks, and mosquitos:

**Is your pet protected?
Why does this matter?**



Fleas

They are not simply a nuisance. If not prevented, a large number of fleas can be lethal. Conditions caused by fleas include:

- Flea Allergic Dermatitis
- Flea Anemia
- Tapeworms



Mosquitos

Heartworms are transmitted by mosquitoes and is common in Galveston. Heartworms can live in your pet's heart and cause major damage to the heart and lungs.

Ticks

These insects attach to your pet

and feed on their blood.

They carry diseases that can be transmitted to your pet, and if a large number is able to consume enough blood, can cause anemia.

It is a common belief that these insects are seasonal, however these bugs can cause harm to your pet year-round.

Fortunately, there are prevention medications that can protect your pet! Many of them need to be given monthly, but some may last longer. Ask your veterinarian what will be best for you and your pet!





DIY Ball Dog Toy

A great money saver that your pup will love!

By: ammothedachshund.com

Supplies

- An old ball
- 1/2 yard of Fabric or an old t-shirt (*particularly any fabric you have handled frequently. Pups love the smell!*)
- Ribbon
- Scissors

Steps

1. Cut your fabric into two strips, roughly 6" by 14" or any size that works best for you.
2. Fold the fabric strips in half and wrap around your ball, placing the ball in the center of the folds.
3. Wrap the ribbon around the base of the ball several times, then tie the ribbon as tightly as you can.
4. Cut the tail of the fabric into several strips. Use three strips at a time to braid them into sections. Make them as tight as possible.
5. Tie several knots at the end of each braid to keep the braids in place.



*Congratulations to
our Employee of the
2nd Quarter 2019*
Brittany Cloessner



Ask Bruce!

Please email your request to petinfo.TAC@gmail.com for his advise on an animal related topic and who knows, you may be the next pick for his column next newsletter!



Today's letter is from Sophia, lets see what she has to say and what advice Bruce's will pass along...

Dear Bruce,

Spring has definitely sprung! I don't know about you, but I am LOVING all the new smells that come with spring: flowers, grass, and trees! I've started to notice that I'm itchy though, like REALLY ITCHY. I can't stop scratching and licking! It's taking away from quality sniffing time. Any tips on how to make it go away?

Sincerely, Sophia

Dear Sophia,

YES, the smells are back, and I'm loving it too! But unfortunately, it sounds like you may have developed some seasonal allergies.

There are a few allergy medication options that you could try, such as Benedryl (1 mg for each pound you weigh), but you will need to speak with your veterinarian regarding the best route to take. Every dog is different. There may be other issues causing your itchiness, like fleas! Have your human schedule an appointment at The Animal Clinic so we can get you better. I'd love to see you and say hi!

Nominated by Co-workers for:

- ◆ Always helpful
- ◆ Always cheerful
- ◆ Handles Chaos Well
- ◆ Organized
- ◆ Willing to step in and help

Brittany has been busy pursuing her next great adventure and is finishing up her classes to become a teacher and will be leaving us soon! We will miss her! Congrats on the next adventure Brittany!

Until next time! *Bruce*