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Stars, Stripes, and Safe Pets

Protecting Your Furry Friends This 4th of July

Keeping your pets safe during the July 4th holiday is crucial, as the festivities can be stressful and even dangerous for them. Pets can become panicked by the ongoing loud noises and flashing lights. The 4th of July is one of the peak times for pets to run away due to fear.

Celebrations and fireworks are not isolated to just one evening on July 4th, but often take place over several days.

Update Identification:

Ensure your dog's tags and microchip information are up to date, and have a current photo.

Check for Escape Routes:

Inspect your home for loose window screens, fence gaps, or places where your pet could escape.

Create a Safe Space:

Set up a quiet area indoors, away from doors and windows where noise is muted. Provide your pet with enrichment activities, toys, and treats to keep them occupied and calm.

Leash Your Dog:

Always keep your dog on a leash when outside and watch for signs of stress.

Avoid Hazards:

Avoid exposing your pet to fireworks, sparklers, and grills, as they can be extremely hazardous

No Table Scraps:

Prevent friends and family from feeding your pet table scraps to avoid stomach upset and toxicity. Certain foods can contain ingredients toxic to your pet.

Keep Cool:

Ensure your dog stays cool with plenty of water and shady areas, and avoid using human sunscreen or insect repellents on them or leaving them within their reach. These products can be toxic to your pet.

Check for Debris:

After the holiday, thoroughly check your yard for any dangerous fireworks debris before letting your pet outside.

Following these steps will help keep your furry friends safe and calm during the holiday celebrations.



MCHA Dog Walking Club

Saturday, July 27

9:30 a.m.

Meet at the MCHA Clinic

791 S Fieldstone Blvd, Bloomington, IN 47403

Are you interested in joining a walking club with other dog lovers to learn how to walk trails with your dog? This will teach your dog healthy interactions, good leash walking habits, and safe trail walking!

We will be hosting the dog walking club at the walking trail at our clinic. This will start at 9:30 a.m., weather permitting. Just bring your dog, a leash, and good walking shoes for a fun walk through the woods. Registration is not required, this is an open event!

[Learn More!](#)



Mission Moment: Meet Willow

If you missed it on social media, we want to share Willow's inspiring story with you:

Willow, a young German Shepherd, was brought to the MCHA Clinic in a dire situation.

She had a rapidly worsening wound, suspected to be the result of a spider bite. Her owners were faced with prohibitively expensive treatment options elsewhere, but they found hope at our clinic.

Undeterred by the challenge, our dedicated veterinary team promptly put Willow on an aggressive treatment regimen, which included multiple medications and bi-weekly sessions of pressurized wound flushing. Willow's journey to recovery is nothing short of remarkable, demonstrating an incredible spirit of resilience.

Her wound has now completely healed, a testament to the effective treatment and care provided by our team. Willow's story not only highlights the critical importance of timely and accessible veterinary care but also serves as a powerful reminder of the potentially life-threatening consequences that can be averted through our intervention.

Your support of MCHA helps pets like Willow when they have no other options. Thank you for making stories like hers possible!

Please note: *The image below may be somewhat graphic, but it is important to show the severity of Willow's condition and the incredible progress she made.*





Mobile Vaccine Clinic

Sunday, July 7

1 - 3 p.m.

Limestone Crossing Apartments

540 S. Basswood Dr., Bloomington, IN 47403

On Sunday July 7, 2024, the Limestone Crossing Apartments, 540 S. Basswood Dr., Bloomington, IN 47403, will be generously hosting the MCHA veterinary team from 1-3 p.m. with no appointment needed; all are welcome!

Our Mobile Vaccine Clinics offer a range of services, including legally mandated rabies vaccines for pets aged 12 weeks and older. Additionally, we provide nail trims, anal gland expressions, microchips, and preventive measures for flea, tick, and heartworm. While these clinics are intended for healthy dogs and cats, they are not a substitute for your pet's annual wellness check-up with your primary veterinarian.

Subsidized pricing is available for clients who present proof of a government subsidy program, or other proof of financial hardship.

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Street Outreach Program

Friday, July 5

Kinser Flats—11 a.m.

The Shalom Center—12:30 p.m.

Encampments—1:30 p.m.

Crawford Apartments—3 p.m.

On the first Friday of each month MCHA's street outreach team dedicates their time to our street outreach program. This initiative, in partnership with Bloomington Police Department, provides crucial services such as vaccinations, parasite prevention, nail trims, and comprehensive health check-ups for dogs and cats.

This program plays a vital role in supporting community members facing homelessness, housing instability, or living in transitional housing by ensuring their pets remain healthy and well cared for.

MCHA's street outreach program is supported by grants from the City of Bloomington and Petco Love.



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Summer of Giving

Support MCHA in reaching our summer fundraising goals by becoming a sustaining donor today through a recurring monthly contribution. Your ongoing support through monthly donations is a strategic way to help our clinic, outreach programs, and the future of MCHA. This summer, we will offer thank-you gifts for different donation levels. Once you sign up for a monthly donation, we will contact you with instructions on how to receive your thank-you gift.

Even a small gift of \$10 per month can provide essential crisis housing support, food, and necessary veterinary care to pets in Monroe County. Thank you for being a dedicated donor to our cause!

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Message From MCHA's Executive Director

As we enter the hotter months, I wanted to share a safety tip that can easily be overlooked. Last week, I noticed several people lingering on hot concrete sidewalks with their dogs. We often forget that while our shoes protect our feet, our dogs' paws are vulnerable to extreme temperatures, which can cause blisters or burns.

To keep your pets safe, test the pavement's heat with the back of your hand for about 10 seconds. If it's too hot for you, it's too hot for them. Opt for grassy paths, consider dog shoes (though they can take some getting used to), or walk during cooler times like early morning or late evening.

Thank you for being such an amazing community and for helping us keep our furry friends safe and comfortable this summer!

Reach Out To Andrew!



Get Involved - Volunteer

We're on the lookout for passionate individuals like YOU to help us expand our programs and services, bringing joy to countless furry friends in our community!

Whether you're excited to interact with the public at our Special Events, assist pet owners at our Mobile Vaccine Clinics, capture the essence of our animals through Photography, beautify our Gardening & Trails, or support our Food Pantry, your time and talent will make a significant impact. Together, we can create a better future for our beloved animals!

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