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Fun and Facts:

- IVH can now text message your pets reminders to you. Ask our receptionist how to get on the text reminder list.
- Dalmatians are born spotless: at first pure white, their spots develop as they age.
- A cat's tongue is scratchy because it's lined with tiny elevated backwards hooks that help to hold prey in place.
- Armadillos are the only animal besides humans that can get leprosy.
- Many hamsters only blink one eye at a time.



The Case of the Murderous Urine

Summer can be a very fun season with many outdoor activities to enjoy including gardening and lawn care. Pet owners may notice that even after all their hard work; there are still brown spots on their lawn that they simply cannot get to grow. Well it may not be a lack of a green thumb but your pets' urine that is killing the lawn. The culprit in this murderous urine is the amount of nitrogen it contains. Urine removes excess nitrogen from the pet's body and because it is so concentrated, can kill your grass. The best way to prevent lawn damage is to soak the area with water within 8 hours of urination to dilute the nitrogen. Watering after 8 hours could potentially damage the lawn further, so it's best to do it as soon after urination as possible. Another option is to train your pet to urinate only in designated areas such as a gravel covered part of the yard. If all else fails, check with us to see what you can do to help keep your lawn green!



Your Pet's Passport

For most businesses the summer season is very similar to the rest of the year, but for Veterinary Hospitals, it means health certificate season! Before planning to travel with your pet there are a few things you ought to keep in mind.

- * You must have a health certificate and certificate of acclimation issued by a veterinarian no more than 10 days prior to flight with a pet.
- * You must have an address of the destination prior to receiving a health certificate for your pet.
- * If your pet is over 16 weeks of age, they must be current on their rabies vaccine to fly.
- * When driving across United States, Canadian and Mexican borders, a signed rabies certificate is required.

Some states such as Hawaii and Montana have very strict import regulations. For the full list of requirements go to http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_import/animal_imports_states.shtml and select the state you wish to travel to with your pet. Have a safe and hassle free vacation!

