

IVH Monthly News

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Fun and Facts:

- IVH can now text message updates on your pet to you. Ask our receptionist how to get on the text update list.
- The ostrich has a 46 foot long small intestine.
- By some unknown means, an iguana can end its own life.
- Americans spend around 3 billion dollars for cat and dog food a year.
- Penguins are the only bird that can leap into the air like porpoises.
- Bring your newsletter in to our office in July to receive a complimentary Frisbee!



Fireworks, Thunderstorms, Anxiety, Oh my!

Have you ever noticed your pet hiding under the bed or cuddling up real close during a storm? Or whining excessively and pacing all over the house on the 4th of July? These actions may seem cute and endearing but in reality your pet is suffering from anxiety. The cause of this anxiety could be from a number of things such as a sudden change in air pressure before a storm to light flashes and loud cracks on the fourth of July. Because we cannot speak to our pets and tell them everything will be alright, other actions may need to be taken in order to prevent these anxiety attacks from happening. A natural solution to your pets anxiety is a product called the D.A.P. (dog appeasing pheromone) collar. The D.A.P. collar is worn by your dog and releases a pheromone only your dog can smell to help them relax during times of stress. Other D.A.P. products include D.A.P. spray and the D.A.P. diffuser. Cats do not usually act out as much as dogs in times of stress but that doesn't mean they don't share the same anxiety dogs do. If you feel your cat could use something to take the edge off during storms or holidays there is a similar product called Feliway for our feline friends. If the natural products just aren't the best solution for your pet's stress, contact us to find out more about a medication that may help in easing your pets stress level. Happy 4th of July!



Hot dogs...and Cats

It seems like over night the weather has gone from the mid 70's and rainy to the high 90's. This change in temperature can have a devastating effect on our pets if we do not keep a watchful eye on them. Signs of heat stroke in pets are intense rapid panting, wide eyes, excessive salivation, weakness and sometimes collapse. Heat stroke can take effect in as little as 10 minutes so provide plenty of fresh water and good shade for your pet and check on them frequently. Call us if your pet starts to display any signs of heat stroke.