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Fun and Facts

- Send your ideas for the newsletter to bethany@idaho.vethospital.com
- A beaver can hold its breath for 45 minutes
- The roadrunner can run up to 15 miles per hour
- At birth, a panda is smaller than a rat
- Hippos secrete a pink oil to protect their skin from the sun
- Cats cannot move their jaw sideways

Birthdays

- Bethany: 6th



Don't Throw Your Dog a Bone

One of the best things about summer is getting to enjoy barbeques, picnics and the warm weather with our friends and family. When barbequing, it may be necessary to remove certain bones from the meat either before or after eating. Sometimes it can be tempting to give your dog a bone due to that time honored cliché. It is important however to remember that giving a dog a bone can cause severe damage and end up costing a lot more than the t-bone steak and potato salad. Some of the injuries that can occur from a giving your dog a bone include:



- Broken teeth
- Mouth or tongue injuries
- Bone gets stuck in dog's esophagus, windpipe, stomach, or intestines
- Constipation due to bone fragments
- Severe bleeding from the rectum

Dogs love to chew however, so to give them something to gnaw on, try your local pet store for a splinter free bone. Nylabone made from nylon is a good alternative to meat bones. If you have any concerns.



10 Tips for a Safe Summer



1. Provide clean fresh water at all times
2. Ensure that your pet has an adequate amount of shade
3. Long haired pets may benefit from a haircut or a shave
4. Use caution when gardening and keep in mind which plants may be harmful to your pet.
5. Read the complete label on all fertilizers, pesticides and weed killers. All of these products can be very harmful to pets
6. Apply flea and tick products and read the instructions prior to application
7. Keep pets on a leash while taking them for a walk
8. Monitor the amount of UV ray exposure to your pets, some animals can get a sunburn
9. Have your pets tested for Heartworm and treat them with Heartworm preventative during the warmer months of the year
10. Refrain from sharing your gum with your pets as the ingredient Xyitol can be toxic to them