

Welcome

Hope everyone enjoyed their summer! Fall is almost here and unfortunately, Covid 19 is still here! This month's newsletter we will discuss "fall health tips for your pets". If you have any questions or have a topic you would like to hear about please contact our staff at 630-365-9599 or you can contact us via email at 3lburn@sbcglobal.net

Autumn safety tips

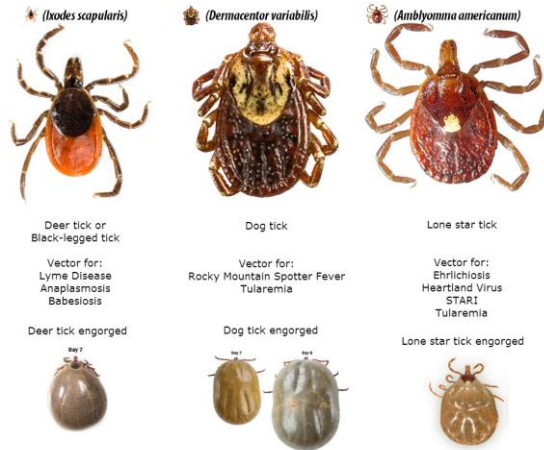
This time of year means everything pumpkin and apple, crisp air, beautiful fall colors, football, bonfires, hot chocolate and hoodies!! It's a good time to be outside with your dog romping in the piles of leaves, while your cat looks for that mid-day sun to lounge in. The following are some tips to keep your pet happy and healthy throughout the autumn months.



Watch out for ticks!

Ticks are still very active in the fall. Many species of ticks are active into the winter and can survive the first frost. Some tips to keep your pet tick free this fall are:
Eliminate their favorite environment, such as leaf and garden litter.
Check for ticks frequently.
Continue using tick control and repellent

Products, especially if you spend a lot of time outdoors with your pet. Have your vet do annual screening for tick borne illnesses.



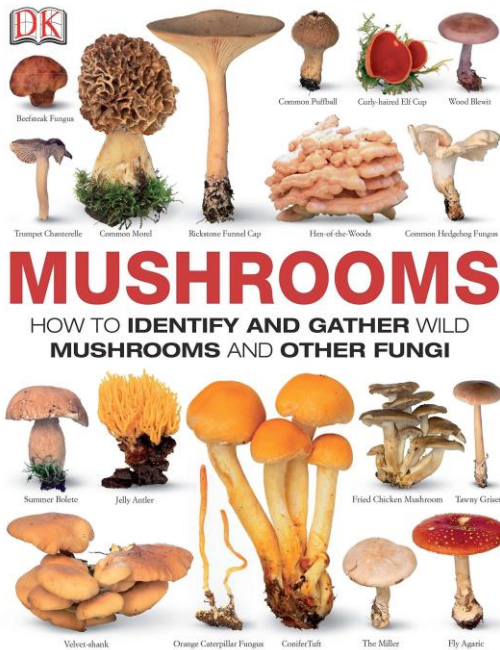
Beware of rodenticides.

Fall is the time of year when rats and mice invade your home looking for warmth. Be careful with rat and mouse poisons. Many poisons on the market are extremely harmful to your dogs and cats. Direct ingestion can be deadly. Do some research into pest control that is safe for your pets.

An infographic titled "Pets and Rodenticides" with a red background. It features a magnifying glass over a box labeled "Follow Label Directions", a warning sign with a skull and crossbones, a smartphone with the number "1-888-426-4435", and a dog. Text includes: "Rodenticides are effective, but they're also poisonous to your pets.", "ALWAYS follow label directions!", "If your pet eats any rodenticide, it is an EMERGENCY!", and "If you are instructed to make your pet vomit, take it outdoors to vomit - preferably on a grassy area or near a drain". The AVMA logo is in the top right corner.

Wild mushrooms

If we have a damp autumn, you will see more and more mushrooms growing in and around your yard. While most mushrooms are safe, there is a small percentage that is highly toxic. Familiarize yourself with which mushrooms are toxic, and if you think your pet has eaten a poison mushroom, contact poison control or a veterinarian immediately!



MUSHROOMS
HOW TO IDENTIFY AND GATHER WILD MUSHROOMS AND OTHER FUNGI

Just 1 – 2 teaspoons can kill a 10 pound dog; less can kill a 10 pound cat! One of the substances in antifreeze is ethylene alcohol; it has a sweet smell that entices pets to lick it up. It is extremely important to clean any spills up right away and make sure your pets are not in the garage while you are working on your vehicle. Cat litter works very well to absorb any spills.

ANTIFREEZE DANGER TO PETS

Antifreeze is commonly used in car cooling systems and winter windshield wash fluid. Antifreeze contains ethylene glycol, which is toxic to dogs and cats. This sweet-tasting poison is unfortunately appealing to animals and consumption of a very small amount can lead to rapid kidney failure and death within a very short period of time. If your pet walks through a puddle of antifreeze and then licks its paws, enough antifreeze can be ingested to cause death.

- 1 Keep antifreeze in sealed containers out of reach of pets (Ethylene glycol).
- 2 Routinely check your garage floor and driveway for antifreeze leaks or spills.
- 3 Dispose used antifreeze containers and rags in a garbage can pets can't access or open.
- 4 Do not pour the product into the grass as dogs and cats may be attracted.
- 5 Be careful when walking if your dog is training you to a specific place to eat grass or lick the ground.

TOXIC AMOUNT

3 x 10g	10kg	1 x 1g
Teaspoon		Teaspoon
		1 teaspoon may be enough

IMPORTANT TO KNOW: Do not wait for symptoms to appear to go to your vet. If you have any concerns about potential ingestion, visit a vet immediately.

Symptoms: Central nervous system (CNS) signs: "drunken" or wobbly gait, weakness, ataxia; muscle twitching; low body temperature; head tremor; abnormal eye movements, coma, etc.

With 24-72 hours of ingestion pet is not eating, vomiting or seems depressed. Bloodwork can show elevations in kidney values.

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Feed your pet the correct diet

Cool temperatures mean more energy is needed to stay warm. You may need to feed your pet a bit more, especially if your pet is very active and outdoors frequently. However, before you do this, discuss it with your veterinarian.

Antifreeze toxicity

In preparing for winter, people usually start to winterize their cars in the fall. This often involves changing fluids such as antifreeze which can be deadly for pets.

Chocolate and other holiday foods

With Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year all coming up in the fall and winter, we increase our intake in sweet, hearty foods. It is important to make sure your pets don't get into any foods that can make them sick; for example, chocolate, grapes, raisins, onions, macadamia nuts are all toxic for your pets. Also, while not considered toxic, rich, and fatty foods can cause stomach problems such as diarrhea and gastroenteritis and more serious conditions like pancreatitis. Also food items that can cause choking hazards, like turkey bones around Thanksgiving. Also, many candies and gums, even some peanut butter, contain xylitol, an extremely toxic sugar substitute, so make

sure and check ingredients.



Be careful with decorations

Holidays mean decorations! Be careful about leaving irregularly shaped objects around the house. Dogs and cats like to sample decorative gourds or other fall and winter decorations. Eating strange objects can lead to foreign body obstruction. Also, make sure to conceal or cover electric cords, you don't want your pet to get an electrical burn from chewing on a cord or even lights.



If you have any questions or comments, please email us at 3lburn@sbcglobal.net or call 630-365-9599! If you have a subject you would like covered in our newsletter please let us know!

**HAPPY FALL AND
DON'T FORGET TO
WEAR YOUR MASK!!!**

(Halloween or otherwise!)