



NEWSLETTER

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CONGRATULATIONS TO AARON DOUMA

Aaron Douma of Guelph, Ontario (son/grandson of friends of ours) has started a pet waste removal service called "Following Fido". Aaron offers the service in Guelph, Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge, Fergus and Rockwood. The web-site is www.followingfido.com and Aaron can be reached at (519) 993 6565

CUTE QUOTE:

"Thousands of years ago, cats were worshipped as gods. Cats have not forgotten this"
(Anonymous quote on a cat calendar)

COPING WITH ALLERGIES TO YOUR PET

Here are some tips from a recent article "Deal with the Dander" in Canadian Living magazine regarding allergies to pets. It is possible to develop an allergy to your pet at any time. It is possible to be allergic to dogs and not cats, or vice versa. Of course, feeding your pet a high quality diet lessens the amount of dander (not the same as dandruff) that your pet produces and decreases the chance of an allergy to your pet. Dander is a substance that is contained within saliva and so it remains on the fur after your pet has groomed itself.

If your reaction is mild, you can keep your pet and take homeopathic remedies (like Pet Allergy available at our store) and high doses of Vitamin C that acts like a natural antihistamine.

Keep pets away from your face and wash your hands immediately after touching your pet. Keep pets out of your bedroom and other areas of your home where you are frequently.

Hardwood floors are easier to keep free of hair and dander than carpets are. Frequent vacuuming of carpets, floors and furniture and regular washing of pet bedding will decrease your exposure to fur and dander.

WHEN IS A NEGATIVE A POSITIVE ?

After a rain storm, or near waterfalls or water fountains, that "fresh air" smell is due to negative ions in the air. Negative ions attach to smoke, animal dander, dust, odours, chemicals, pollutants, bacteria, germs, viruses, etc. and neutralize them.

We have "IONIZER" negative ion air purifiers available for sale. These filters are totally quiet, very compact (5 inches wide by 12 inches high) and there are never any filters to replace (just rinse & re-insert). They are great for home or office and will cover up to 400 square feet. These filters are helpful for those suffering from asthma, allergies and migraine headaches, as well to cleanse the air of smoke and other odours. The cost is \$149.99 plus taxes.

U.S. CHANGING VACCINE REGIME

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved three year immunity duration labels for distemper, adenovirus and parvovirus vaccines. Previously only rabies vaccines had a three year duration.

This protocol is a new option for veterinarians and pet owners who want to get away from yearly vaccinations. A veterinarian with the vaccine company said that many vets were reluctant to switch to three year vaccinations due to liability issues (not specified what they were concerned about) and also the loss of revenue because clients would not return on an annual basis if their pet's vaccines were good for 3 years.

WOMEN HAVE STRONGER BONDS WITH THEIR PETS

A recent study of 1500 individuals reported that 31% of women versus 15% of men spend more time with their pets than with their spouse or significant other ! Women admitted to being three times more likely to dumping their partner if their pet did not like them. Other facts from the study include:

- 76% consider their pet part of the family
- 45% consider taking their pet on vacation
- 31% would take their pet to work if allowed
- 32% said that money is no object in regard to their pet
- 32% said that their pet watches television
- 48% said their animals sleep on their bed

SWHEAT SCOOP TO BE IMPROVED

The makers of Sweat Scoop litter are working on a new process to eliminate all dust and tracking by making a harder pellet than the old method. Testing so far has shown positive results from consumers using the new formula.

This new formula is not yet available in Canada, but you can be assured that as soon as it is available, we will stock it

In good health,
Mike, Lee, Jayne & Moxy

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