



## NEWSLETTER

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### YOUR IDEAS FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Is there a subject that you are interested in regarding your pet's health? Please let us know by e-mail at [paws@rivernet.net](mailto:paws@rivernet.net) or in person when you are in the store. We would be happy to answer questions or do research on subjects that are of interest to you that we have not covered.

### EARTHBATH - GOOD FOR THE PLANET

Earthbath shampoos, foams and sprays are totally natural products that are good for your pet as well as kind to our earth. These delicious smelling shampoos come in Puppy formula, Mediterranean Magic (deodorizing), Eucalyptus & Peppermint (for skin problems), Oatmeal & Aloe (for itching & dry skin), Hypo-Allergenic (sensitive skin & allergies), and Tea Tree & Aloe Vera (hot spots and "pests").

There is also a Crème Rinse & Conditioner, a Grooming Foam for cats (no water needed) and a Hot Spot & Itch Relief.

**HEALTHY K9 TREATS** - These grain free treats come in beef heart (fat free), beef liver and beef tripe (good for the digestive system). No salt or liquid smoke is used in these treats and they are just dried beef liver, heart or tripe – nothing else.

### K-9 DOG CHEW STICKS

These beef sticks come in 6 inch, 10 inch and 13 inch sizes. They are digestible, stain free and a product of Canada. These durable treats will keep your pet busy chewing while providing nutrition, not just empty calories.

**HEATED ORTHOPEDIC BEDS**\_If your cat or dog has sore joints or mobility problems, or loves to lie on heated surfaces, these thermostatically controlled beds will provide your pet with soothing comfort.

The thermo beds are good for pets of all ages. The beds are energy efficient and use less energy than a night light, and the covers are removeable for washing.

#### **BLADDER STONE GENE FOUND**

Researchers at the University of California have found a gene mutation that causes high levels of uric acid and bladder stones in Dalmations.

This gene connected to the tendency to abnormal levels of high uric acid has not yet been found in other breeds of dogs. However, some dog breeds (such as miniature schnauzers) are more prone to bladder stones.

#### **SMOKERS LIKELY TO QUIT FOR HEALTH OF PET**

According to the Centre for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at Henry Ford in Detroit, 1 in 3 smokers will quit smoking for the sake of their pet.

Three thousand people responded to an online survey looking at the smoking patterns of those who lived with pets.

The intent of the study was to educate smokers that pets exposed to the toxins in cigarette smoke had a higher incidence of cancer, allergies, eye and skin diseases and respiratory problems.

Participants in the study said they would quit or smoke outside and request that their partner did the same.

In good health, Mike, Lee, Jayne & Moxy

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