



NEWSLETTER

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DELI-FRESH – FOOD FOR YOUR DOG ... NOT DOG FOOD

This fresh, refrigerated dog food has been gently cooked to preserve the natural goodness of the ingredients. Deli-Fresh is 100% natural with no preservatives. The meat & poultry is free of hormones, antibiotics or any other chemicals. Vegetables, rice, vitamins and minerals round out this very tasty food.

Deli-Fresh is available in turkey or chicken in 4 different sizes and is a great convenience food for those who prefer not to cook for their pets or use raw ingredients. Just slice, heat slightly and serve!!

Introductory offer is \$3.00 off with in-store coupon on purchase of any size.

STAY DRY WATER DISHES

No more wet muzzles, no more wet ears, no more wet floors ! Pets drink by licking the wheel and your home stays dry. The triangular shape allows placement in a corner to prevent movement. Great for your home, cottage, car or motorhome.

NATURAL HEARTWORM PREVENTION

It is the time of year to start thinking about preventing heartworm in dogs. Those who spend the majority of their time outdoors exposed to mosquitoes are more at risk than those mostly indoor dogs.

Holistic veterinarians recommend using two herbal tinctures – black

walnut which deters insects and rids the body of parasites, and hawthorne tincture which strengthens the heart and helps it to pump more effectively.

Whether you choose to use drugs or natural methods, it is important to have your dog's blood checked early in the season to test for the presence of the microfilaria that cause heartworm

PESTICIDE BAN GOOD FOR PETS TOO!

Ontario's pesticide ban that became effective on Earth Day, April 22, 2009 will be of benefit to our pets as well as to us and our environment.

We saw increased incidences of skin problems and digestive upset yearly when lawn & garden sprays were being used in our community. Hopefully, with the ban on these chemicals and more companies turning to organic products, we will see less health issues in our pets and ourselves and an increase in the health of our world.

NEW PLATO DOG TREATS

Plato dog treats are now available at Healthy Paws in 4 great flavours – duck, chicken, salmon and kangaroo (our dog loves these) in re-sealable pouches.

As per our requirements for all of our products, Plato are made from entirely natural ingredients free from artificial colours or flavours, synthetic preservatives, genetically modified ingredients or by-products.

FARMERS MARKET SWEET POTATO TREATS

Also from Plato, these sweet potato treats contain probiotics for a healthy digestive tract and are high in anti-oxidant vitamins.

ALLEVIATING PET STRESS

It is possible to have a relaxed pet without the use of drugs that leave pets drowsy and lethargic. Bach Flower remedies can be added to the pet's drinking water or food, or can be given directly in the mouth or on the skin. Custom remedies can be mixed up for your pet's needs,

addressing other emotional issues as well. Ask us about a combination remedy for your pet.

“Calming formula” by Nature’s Herbs for Pets (www.naturespetherbs.com) can be given before any stressful event – a trip to the groomer or veterinarian, moving, etc. It leaves your pet alert, yet calm.

It is very important to look at the root cause of your pet’s stress and try to remove things that are causing anxiety, in addition to using natural remedies.

HOME ALONE ANXIETY

In addition to the natural remedies listed above, safe toys that provide comfort and activity for an animal, a comfortable bed, and relaxing music can all help reduce the anxiety in pets who are left home alone.

Toys should provide a diversion (chewing, etc.) but should be safe. When pets are left alone with a toy, broken parts can cause injury. Before leaving your pet alone with a toy, watch your pet to make sure it cannot chew off pieces or remove parts or stuffing that could cause choking or an obstruction in the digestive system.

There are music CDs that are specifically made for pets, but any quiet instrumental music, perhaps with nature sounds can be used. Some pets are comforted just by the sound of a radio being on at low volume.

Properly crating an animal can provide a feeling of security, like a den would for an animal in the wild. A comfortable bed or blanket inside, along with a safe toy and a treat makes crating a more pleasant experience for the pet. Crating should only be done for short periods, with frequent breaks for stretching, going outside for elimination and playtime.

There is a great variety of pet beds on the market today for different functions – heated beds for older, arthritic pets or for those who just prefer warmth, orthopedic foam beds to avoid pressure on sore joints

and anti-bacterial waterproof beds to resist odours and wet stained areas.

PETZLIFE FOR GOOD DENTAL HYGEINE

The owner of Petzlife, Bud Groth, had sold life insurance for 35 years when he made the move into the field of preventative medicine, first for himself and then for pets.

Petzlife spray or gel helps to control tartar and plaque on the teeth of dogs and cats. Natural ingredients including grapefruit seed extract, rosemary oil and neem have proven to be a successful formula for improving the condition of the teeth and gums and controlling bacteria in the mouths of pets.

Petzlife doesn't feel it needs to make claims about their products, because customer word of mouth is what sells the products. We first found out about Petzlife from a customer who had used it, and sales of the product in our store reflect customer satisfaction.

In good health, Mike, Lee, Jayne & Moxy

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