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- Cats of the Revolution*

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The Myth Of Natural

Pet owners occasionally tell veterinarians they're reluctant to use prescription medications, topical flea products, heartworm preventatives, etc., because they would rather use something that is "natural". But what is "natural"?

By definition, natural products are those that come from nature. But not all items that come from nature are safe. Cocaine and heroin come from nature as well as cyanide and arsenic. Many prescription medications originated from plants and save the lives of both humans

and pets.

Many people assume that medications that come from plants or are sold "over the counter" are safe. Unfortunately, this is not true and serious life threatening reactions can occur.

For example, garlic can interfere with blood clotting, thyroid levels, lower blood sugar, cause vomiting, diarrhea and changes to red blood cells.



Onions can cause weakness, increased heart and respiratory rates and changes to red blood cells causing anemia, especially in cats. St John's Wort can cause vomiting, diarrhea, seizures and tremors in dogs.

The safest way to determine if a "natural" product is safe for your pet is to ask your veterinarian. He/she can make the best recommendation for the health and safety of your pet.

For more information, visit www.sanantonivets.com

A Message From Dr. Mattox



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our clients that took the time to respond to our recent survey.

We're always trying to find ways to improve our

customer service, keep our doctors and staff current on the latest advances in veterinary medicine and meet your expectations each and every time you have contact with San Antonio Animal Hospital.

We invite you to play a part in providing topic suggestions

to be included in our newsletter each month. Send your suggestions to: sanantoniovets@earthlink.net

We look forward to providing you with exceptional service throughout 2010 and beyond.

Spay Pasco Receives \$5,000 Grant



Spay Pasco received a \$5,000 grant from PetSmart Charities to help increase the number of sterilization services for feral cats in Pasco County. The grant will allow Spay Pasco to offer feral cat surgeries at a discounted price of \$15, which also includes a rabies vaccination.

"Since one female cat and her offspring have the potential to produce thousands of additional cats, every sterilization surgery performed really does make a difference to our community", said Dr. Diana Mattox, President of Spay Pasco.

Spay Pasco was founded in July of 2007 by Dr. Mattox and a small group of dedicated volunteers with a passion for animals.

Spay Pasco works with many veterinary clinics throughout Pasco and Hernando counties, including San Antonio Animal Hospital, to make this program the success that it has become.

Volunteers are always needed even if you can only give a couple of hours a month. For more information about Spay Pasco or volunteer opportunities, visit their website: www.spaypasco.com.

Cat Owners Of The World Hear Our Demands

Heartworm is a potentially lethal parasite transmitted by mosquitoes. The tragedy with this foe is that it can so easily be defended against. It can cause serious illness or even kill, with little or no warning.

Cats who stay inside are not protected. 25% of cats with heartworm infection are indoor cats (as reported by their owners).

There is no approved treatment for feline heartworm disease, but it is easily prevented with REVOLUTION®.

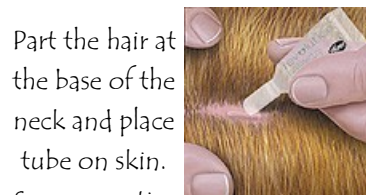
REVOLUTION® not only protects your cat against heartworm disease, but is also effective against roundworms, hookworms, fleas and ear mites.

Application is simple and must be done monthly.



Hold tube upright and press down until you hear a click, remove cap and be sure

the tip of tube has been punctured.



Part the hair at the base of the neck and place tube on skin.

Squeeze entire tube on the spot until empty.



For more information about protecting your cats against parasites, visit the following websites:

National Center for Disease Control and Prevention
www.cdc.gov/healthypets

Companion Animal Parasite Council
www.capcvet.org

Mac's Mews.....



Mac

You might be a cat person if.....

You sleep in the same position all night

because you don't want to disturb the cat.

You let your cat sleep on your pillow.

You spend more on presents

for your cat than for your spouse.

You cook omelet's for the cat on Sunday morning that include eggs, milk, salmon, halibut or trout and give your spouse cold cereal.

You carry your cat's picture in your wallet along with your other children.

When someone new comes to your house,

you introduce the cat by name.

You microwave your cat's food so it's just the right temperature.

Your cat eats out of crystal stemware while you eat off of paper plates.

You put off making the bed until the cat gets up.

You watch bad TV because the cat's sleeping on the remote.

Are you a cat person?

Until next month...

Mac



Coping With The Loss Of A Pet

It's natural to grieve for the loss of a pet and it's important to have support during this time of grief. A pet's illness, accident, death or need for euthanasia can trigger powerful emotions.

At such times, people can feel confused, frightened angry, guilty and sad. These emotions are all normal.

The ASPCA can help if the animal you love has died or if he or she is ill, injured or elderly.

For more information on the ASPCA Pet Loss Support Program, call (877) 474-3310.

Remember Our Love (Author Unknown)



I was chosen today, I'm learning to fly, the world took me away, but please don't you cry.

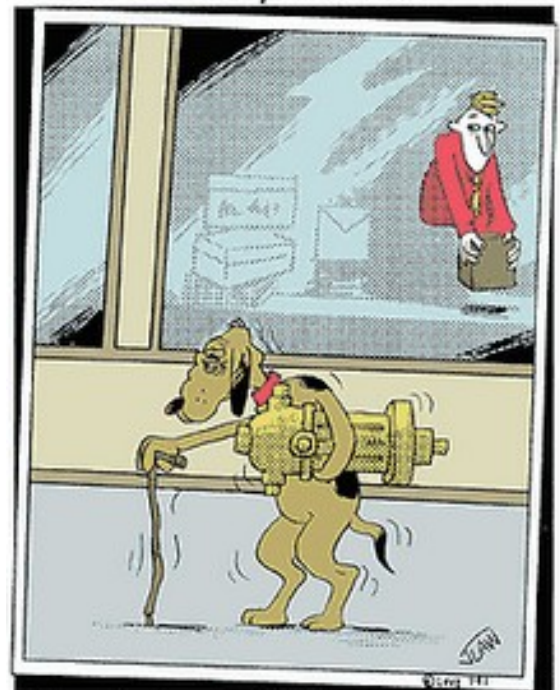
And I chose you today to try and be strong, so please don't you cry and don't say that I'm gone.

When you're feeling alone, just remember our love, I'm up near the stairs looking down from above.

Remember our love, in a moment you'll see, that I'm still here beside you, when you're thinking of me.

Just For Fun

SNAPSHOTS by Jason Love



Tiger had reached that age when you just never know.

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Adoptable Pets

I need a forever home!

The \$50 adoption fee initial vaccinations, spay/neuter and micro-chipping. Adoption applications are available at our reception desk.



I'm a young, adult, spayed female cat that will make a great companion because I'm very talkative and full of personality!