

THE SCOOP

Crestwood Animal Shelter's Monthly Newsletter
MARCH 2021

PET OF THE MONTH KERMIT

Kermit is a 60 pound one-year-old black mouth cur mix and was an owner surrender due to no fault of his own. While he embraces his high energy & playful personality outside in the yard, he can just as easily maintain a very calm and relaxed demeanor inside the house. Kermit takes direction very well and is always looking to his human counterpart for affection and instruction. He is working on his leash manners, but after his initial excitement he does very well on walks. Kermit is good with other dogs but does play with intensity. Playmates for Kermit need to be of similar size and have a similar tenacity when playing. Kermit would be best suited in a home with a large, fenced in yard where he can have the opportunity to burn off his energy daily by running and playing. He also craves human interaction and needs to be able to spend lots of time indoors close to his family too. If you have room in your heart and home for him, please go to www.crestwoodanimalshelter.com to fill out an application and schedule a time to meet him!



MARCH 21-27 IS NATIONAL ANIMAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK

Every year, the entire month of March is observed as Poison Prevention Awareness Month. The purpose of this is to educate pet parents about things that could be harmful to their pets.

Below you will see the many (but not all!) items that are harmful to your pet's health.

Common Food Items

Avocados, Bones, Chocolates, Garlic, Onions, Potatoes, Grapes, Rhubarb, Green Tomatoes, Table Salt, Raw or Undercooked Meat, Macadamia Nuts, Walnuts

Household Plants

Aloe Vera, Azalea, Cactus, Caladium, Creeping Charlies, Emerald Fern, Ivy, Lilies, Mistletoe, Philodendron, Poinsettia

Outdoor Plants

Daffodils, Foxtails, Morning Glory, Oak, Wisteria

Bathroom Items

Shampoo and Conditioner, Cleaning Detergents, Bath Salts, Bathing Liquids

Miscellaneous Household Items

Batteries, Potpourri, Rubber Bands, Dental Floss, Yarn, Antifreeze

Others

Xylitol, Rat Poison, Caffeine Pills, Plant Fertilizers, Insecticides, Chewing Gum, Vitamin D Overdose, Human Pills

There are numerous symptoms that indicate your pet may have been poisoned and needs immediate attention:

Droling * Vomiting * Pale Gums * Excessive Urination * Increased Thirst * Breathing Difficulties * Hyperactivity * Muscle Tremors * Lethargy * Seizures

As soon as you spot these symptoms, stay calm and immediately take your pet to the vet or emergency clinic for help.

Safety Measures:

1. Keep dangerous foods out of your pet's reach.
2. Keep your bathroom door and cabinets/drawers closed.
3. Keep poisonous plants away from your pet – both indoors and outdoors.
4. Store noxious items properly.
5. Inspect your home regularly for dangers.
6. Create a first aid kit for your pets.

If we all work together to make others aware – not just in March, but every month – we can help to lower the rate of accidental pet poisonings.

MARCH 2021

POISON PREVENTION
AWARENESS MONTH

MARCH 1

National Horse Protection Day
National Pig Day

MARCH 3

World Wildlife Day

MARCH 13

National K-9 Veterans Day

MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day



MARCH 18

National Farm Rescuer Day

MARCH 19

Swallows Return to San Juan
Capistrano

MARCH 20

First Day of Spring
World Frog Day
World Sparrow Day

MARCH 21

Buzzard Day

MARCH 21-27

National Animal Poison Prevention
Week

MARCH 23

National Puppy Day

MARCH 28

Respect your Cat Day



LOVE STORIES



NEW SIBLINGS BRING OUT THE PUPPY IN THEIR OLDER BROTHER

We lost our sweet dog Hershey in 2020. She was a senior rescue from the APA. I was heartbroken. I never thought we would get over the loss. Oliver, our other dog -- and also a rescue, became lethargic and wouldn't eat. So we knew we needed to find a companion for him.

My son David told us about a 3-year-old mixed breed named Griffin, who was at Crestwood Animal Shelter, but I didn't want two male dogs. I just didn't feel it would work. Oliver wasn't too sure, either, after meeting Griffin. There was a certain amount of acting out to show who was the "top dog." But, over time, they have become best buddies and neither needed to be the one in charge. They have settled in, and Griffin's name became Henri. Henri is frequently known as "wiggle butt" as he has a wiggle or snake-like gait when he runs, which is fun to watch.

Then David was furloughed when COVID lockdowns were in force, so Crestwood Animal Shelter asked him to foster Lexi, an energetic Pit Bull Terrier. She came over to meet our dogs, and once again there was a bit of competition among them for the top dog position. Henri had some insecurities when Lexi arrived -- perhaps fearing that he was being replaced.

When David was called back to work, Lexi came to our house daily, and so Doggie Day Care began. She's the most aggressive of the three, but she also loves to cuddle and thinks she's a lap dog.

Oliver presents himself as a crabby old man some days, but is also so loving. Henri seems to be timid and retiring, but I am convinced he's an instigator and a little sneaky, but loves to lay next to you on the sofa. He gets the other two going when I'm out of the room, and then looks so innocent when I walk in!



The addition of Henri and Lexi has brought out the puppy in Oliver, who plays more now. It's fun to watch them entertain each other, and to be protective of each other. Henri has a high pitched bark when Lexi and Oliver wrestle. Oliver never got into wrestling until the day he apparently had enough and exercised his position as oldest and longest member of this family, so he began wrestling with Lexi. When Oliver and Henri wrestle, Lexi barks at them. Lexi and Henri have a special bond, licking each other's faces and ears. But, while Oliver allows Henri to lick him, he snarls at Lexi and she backs off. Just like kids, they snatch the other's toys, but respect each other's food dish. I can get them to sit politely for a treat and wait patiently until their name is called, as you can see in the photo. My other son, Philip, spoils them all by taking them for 2-3 walks a day which they absolutely love and look forward to.

They are so loved and give so much love! I can't imagine what being housebound would be like without them. I encourage you to adopt a rescue dog or cat. So many have experienced so little security, kindness, and love in their lives. But in spite of that, they have so much love to give. Perhaps if adopting is not something you're sure about, think about fostering one. It's amazing how it can enrich your life. Dogs and cats are both rescued by Crestwood Animal Rescue. All you need to do is make an appointment and see if you find a furry pet that is missing from your life. During these times people are missing hugs, but the amount of love you experience with your pets is a wonderful feeling! -- *MaryKay Thrower*

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