



# Wrinkle Time

July 2006

**mark your calendars!**

**upcoming gathering dates:**

Date: July 30th, 2006

Time: 1 pm

Location: Pet Supplies Plus in Burnsville MN

No Bull. Just Fun



# **4th of July**

## **IS NOT FOR MOST BULLDOGS!!!**

More pets are lost on the 4th of July than any other day of the year according to [www.tcdog.com](http://www.tcdog.com). While us humans enjoy the fireworks, we understand why they are loud and we do not have the extremely sensitive hearing our canine companions do. Loud noises and bright flashing lights are scary to dogs.

When dogs are scared they run and hide. Dogs have been known to get out of fences, break out of collars, leads, and harnesses. Please do not take your pets to fireworks displays. Leave them home in the air conditioning, where they want to be. If the fireworks can be heard inside your home consider turning on the TV and/or radio so it covers up some of the sound. It doesn't have to be blaring - just enough to "confuse" the dogs as to whether the sound is a normal TV noise or something else.

As always, make sure your pets have identification. You might consider microchipping your pet in case tags or collars are lost or removed. Ask your vet for details.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

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# **Silent Auction!**

**Love-A-Bull Rescue will be doing a silent auction fundraiser at Wrinkle Time July 30th. Come see the wonderful items!**

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**you wrote  
the caption!**

**Kate who owns  
Rita and Reiny**

If the mouse can fit in the hole, then I can fit in the hole!

Ok, I'm not looking, you go hide and I will find you

I was a bad, bad boy. I promise not to...(you fill in the blank) ever again

I used to fit in this corner, what happened?

I will not bite the cat. I will not bite the cat. I will not bite the cat...

1 - 1000, 2 - 1000 , 3 - 1 Aw nevermind I think I'll just take a nap.

I love hide and seek. No one will see me here, right?

I'm not showing you my new hairdo!

I smell steak!

# hot! too hot!

Avoiding Heat Related Injuries in Dogs Nate Baxter DVM Feel free to cross post, use in club newsletters, etc, without any further permission.

The first thing that needs to be understood is that dogs and people are different enough that most of the info cannot cross lines. I do not profess to know what the appropriate procedures for people other than what I learned in first aid. Dogs do not lose enough electrolytes thru exercise to make a difference, but if the dog gets truly into heat stroke the physiology changes will make them necessary. BUT oral replacement at that point is futile, they need IV and lots of it.

Cooling: Evaporative cooling is the most efficient mean of cooling. However, in a muggy environment, the moisture will not evaporate so cooling does not happen well. I cool with the coldest water I can find and will use ice depending on the situation. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can run water over the dog and place it in front of a fan that is the best.

Misting the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan. Just getting the dog wet is not the point, you want the water to be cool itself, or to evaporate. For MOST situations all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, ie shade, or in the cab of the truck with the air conditioning on (driving around so the truck does not overheat and the AC is more efficient). Up to a couple of years ago, I was very concerned about my dogs getting too hot in the back of my black pickup with a black cap. New white truck fixed a lot of that problem.

So I built a platform to put the wire crates on, this raises the dog up in the truck box where the air flow is better. Then I placed a 3 speed box fan in front blowing on the dogs with a foot of space to allow better airflow. I purchased a power inverter that connects to the battery and allows the 3 speed fan to run from the truck power...

I purchased those cooling pads, but found that the dogs would not lay on them. I would hold them on the back of a dog that just worked to get a quick cool, but have not use them for years. I also bought a pair of battery operated fans but found them pretty useless. Spend your money on the power inverter and get a real fan.

Watching temperature: If you feel your dog is in danger of heat injury, check its temp and write it down. Keep checking the temp every 3 minutes. I recommend to get a "rectal glass thermometer. The digital ones for the drugstore I have found to be very unreliable. Don't forget to shake it down completely each time, sounds silly, but when are worried about your companion, things tend to get mixed up. This is VERY IMPORTANT\*\*once the temp STARTS to drop, STOP ALL COOLING EFFORTS. The cooling process will continue even though you have stopped. If the temp starts at 106.5, and then next time it drops to 105.5, stop cooling the dog, dry it off, and continue monitoring. You will be amazed how it continues to go down. If you do not stop until the temp is 102, the temp will drop way too low. I cannot emphasize this point enough.

When the dog is so heated that it is panting severely, only let it have a few laps of water. Water in the stomach does not cool the dog, you just need to keep the mouth wet so the panting is more effective. Do not worry about dehydration until the temp has started down. A dog panting heavily taking in large amounts of water is at risk of bloat. Due to the heavy panting they will swallow air, mixed with a large amount of water they can bloat. Once the temp is going down and panting has slowed to more normal panting then allow water. The dog will rehydrate it self after temp is normal. If the dog has a serious problem and even though you have gotten the temp normal, get the dog to a vet, as it can still need IV fluids and some medication. Also, a case of heat stroke can induce a case of hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (not parvo), with a ton of very bloody diarrhea and a lot of fluid and electrolyte loss. These cases need aggressive treatment.

The best method of treatment is prevention. Learn to watch your dog, and see the changes in the size of the tongue, and how quickly it goes down. Learn your dogs response to the different environments, and be careful when you head south for an early season hunt test or trial. I have been to Nashville at the end of May, only 5 hours away, but the difference in temp and humidity did affect the dogs as they were used to more spring weather in Ohio. Try different things in training to help the dog cool and learn what works better. Another very important point==> Do not swim your hot dog to cool it then put in put in a box/tight crate. Remember, evaporation can not take place in a tight space, and the box will turn into a sauna and you will cook your dog. Carry a stake out chain, and let the dog cool and dry before putting it up.

I know this is a bit long, but hopefully this is easy to understand and helps provide some useful information. Remember: Prevention, learn your dog. It is worth the time and effort. Nate Baxter, DVM, Lebanon, OH





### Dogs are Miracles with Paws

A dog's nose in the palm of your hand can cure almost anything. Dogs are made of Love and Fur. Let your dog take you for a walk. Dogs are a sure thing. Some little known dog secrets: Dogs have no secrets. Dogs are like vanilla ice cream: reliably delicious. Dogs are wise agents directly from Heaven. If you had a tail, wouldn't you wag it?? There are no bad dogs. Be your dogs best friend.

Dogs like dancing, drive-in movies and dreaming. God made dogs and spelled his own name backwards! Dogs make great therapists. Kiss your dog all the time. Some dogs are nap dogs. Dogs invented unconditional love. Dogs are party animals. Apply dog logic to life: eat well, be loved, get petted; sleep a lot, dream of a leash-free world. Live your dog's life!!

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look  
what i found!

Okay, this is more of a "look what I thought of!" but its such a great idea I had to share. I was at Dianne and Dana's house one weekend and they had the BEST idea for a dog bed. They have a crib mattress covered with a "rubber" or plastic sheet, then a crib sheet. Its big enough for a couple bullies, if they are willing to share, and not as expensive as some of the dog beds. The big bonus, at least in our house, is the affordable covers (crib sheets) and the fact its WATERPROOF with the rubber sheet on it. If something unmentionable happens, you take off the top sheet, throw it in the washing machine, wipe down the rubber sheet with a cleaner, and you are saved cleaning the entire dog bed. Now, for those of us who are REALLY frugal (or have many dogs) a person can look for a used crib mattress at a garage sale or thrift store, along with sheets!

Thanks Dianne  
and Dana!



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