

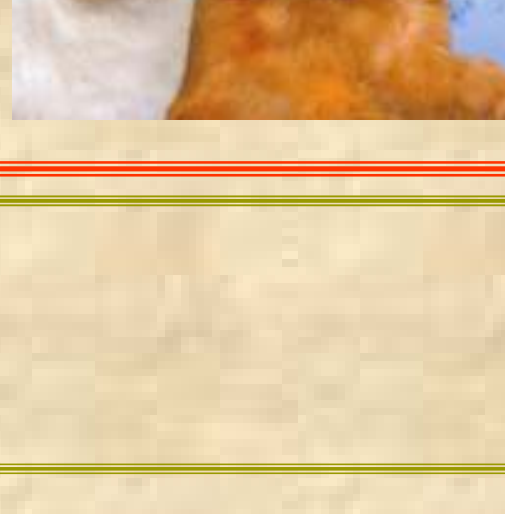


A huge thank you goes out to the citizens of Jonesboro and Northeast Arkansas... Animal Control successfully adopted out 50 animals during the month of February.

That is an incredible number considering that weather kept folks from being able to visit and that February is the shortest month of the year. Your support gave 50 animals new homes.

In great appreciation,

Sgt. Rogers, the officers and staff

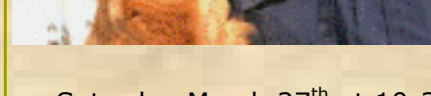


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Mac and Me

a note from the Director, Sergeant Larry Rogers and his dog Mac



What a month February was! Being a short month, we were very busy. Animal Control Officers picked up 126 dogs last month. We had the best month ever for adoptions with 50 dogs adopted out to good homes. In addition 5 dogs were sent to rescues in Tennessee where they found forever homes. My animal rescuers, David and Ty Smith volunteered their time and money transporting these dogs and for that I am forever grateful.

We have several things planned for the future. The first being an Easter egg hunt out here at Animal Control. Since Animal Control works closely with Northeast Arkansans For Animals, they asked us to be part of this. It will be on Saturday March 27th at 10:30 AM here at the Animal Control facility. The age groups will be 5 and under and 6 to 10 years of age. We are even asking the kids to bring their dogs with them. (On a leash, please). We will be having treats for the kids and for the dogs. The Animal Control building will be open so that the community can see what a great place we have. I also have by a good source that the Easter Bunny will be present. A special thanks goes out the Jonesboro Fraternal Order of Police for making a sizeable donation to this cause. An open invite also goes out to any Police Officer to come and attend and let the kids visit with them and see their Police cars.

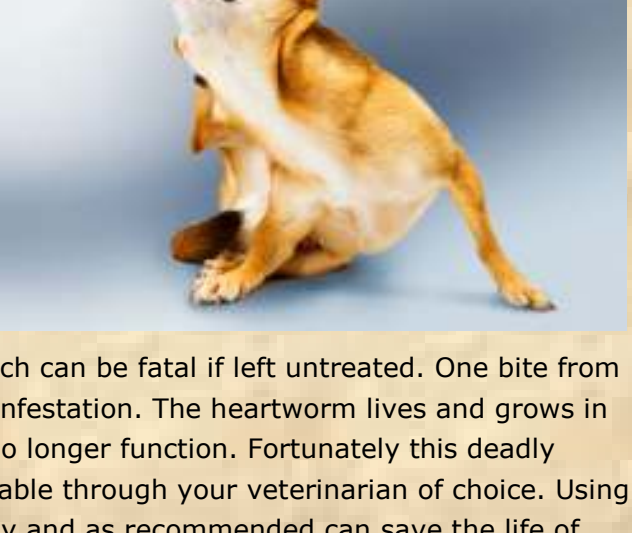
As most of you are aware of besides so many stray dogs we have in Jonesboro we also have many more cats. So with an aggressive effort to curb the pet population Animal Control will be working with and supporting NAFA in a "Get Jonesboro Fixed" campaign. NAFA will be sponsoring a clinic by Dr. Jack Jones to neuter male cats for \$10.00. In addition to neutering each cat will receive a rabies vaccination and long acting antibiotic injection. Space is limited, so you must call 870-932-1955, leave a message and a volunteer will call you back in 24 - 48 hours and schedule an appointment. This is a good chance to help stop the overpopulation and have your cat neutered for a very, very low price.

There are plans for more community events in the future. Remember if you see Animal Abuse happening, please call us. If you get a chance come out and walk a dog, they would love it.

Mac and Me

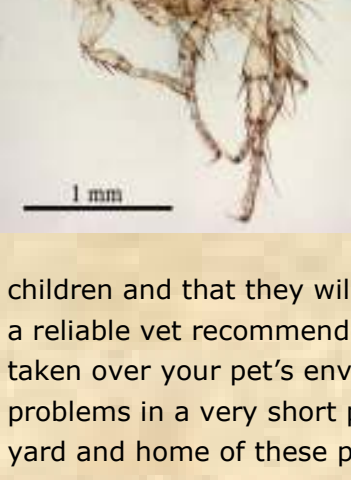
Barking with Beth
Information on Parasites and Prevention

The sunny days of spring are upon us and the "dog days of summer" are soon to follow. With the changing of the seasons it is very important to consider the changing needs of your pets. Fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes will be out in full force very soon. These parasites thrive in the warm, humid weather. And as we all know, these parasites are very harmful to the health of our "best friends".



These parasites are responsible for many diseases which can severely affect the health and well being of dogs and cats alike. Also, other more exotic pets can be affected.

Mosquitoes are responsible for the spread of heartworms, which can be fatal if left untreated. One bite from a mosquito can infect your dog and start the slow process of infestation. The heartworm lives and feeds on the heart muscle, weakening the heart gradually until it can no longer function. Fortunately this deadly process can be prevented. Heartworm preventatives are available through your veterinarian of choice. Using a veterinarian recommended heartworm preventative regularly and as recommended can save the life of your pet. It is much less expensive to use preventative to prevent your pets from being infected with the disease than it is to treat the disease after your pet has been infected. You should also consider the fact that treating heartworms that have already "taken hold" can be risky for your pet. As we all know, Arkansas has more than it's share of mosquitoes. Since we can't prevent exposure to mosquitoes, it is especially important to prevent the spread of mosquito borne disease.



Fleas are tiny, annoying little pests that thrive on and around our pets. They can make our pets itchy and miserable. But they can be so much more than just a nuisance. Fleas can cause flea allergies, sores on your pet's skin, and even anemia, etc. A good flea preventative prescribed by your veterinarian can prevent all of these health issues. There are many great medications available through your veterinarian that can stop the fleas from infesting your pet and its environment. This can prevent infestations from taking a "choke hold" on your pet, in your home and in your yard. There are a variety of sprays, granules, and powders, etc. that are available to treat your yard and your home if an infestation does exist. When purchasing these products, make sure that you read the labels carefully to assure that they will not be harmful to your pets or children and that they will target the pests that you wish to eradicate. But again, it is less expensive to use a reliable vet recommended preventative regularly, as prescribed than it is to wait until these parasites have taken over your pet's environment. Fleas multiply so quickly that small problems can turn into very large problems in a very short period of time. If this occurs, it may take several weekly treatments to rid your yard and home of these pests. Most home and yard pesticides will kill the fleas but not the un-hatched eggs. Flea eggs take 7 days to hatch. Therefore a new infestation can happen as soon as one week after treatment. For that reason, it may be necessary to treat the affected areas more than once to completely rid your pet's environment of these parasites.

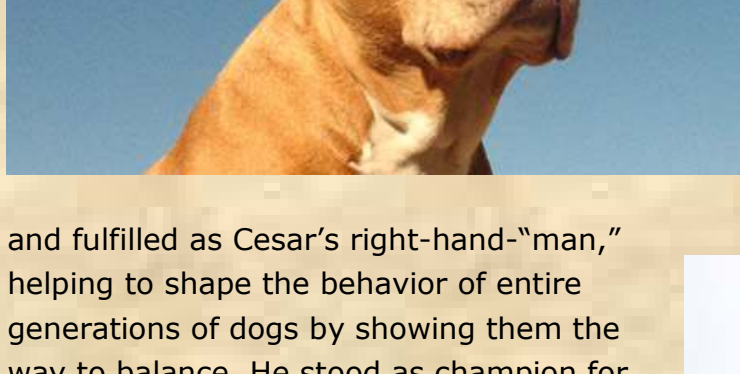
Ticks are very prevalent in Arkansas. Ticks are very harmful parasites to pets as well as humans. These little blood suckers carry and spread disease and can cause anemia and a host of other problems with out pets. Again, your veterinarian can prescribe great medications for your pet that prevent the ticks from doing harm to them. Your vet can explain to you how these medications prevent the ticks from attaching to your pets and how they can protect your pet from becoming ill. I can not emphasize enough how important prevention is, not only in the spring and summer months, but all year long. We may not be able to completely rid our environment of them, but we can take steps to assure that they will not endanger the health and well being of our beloved pets. There are also many products available to treat your yard for ticks if you live in an area where they thrive, as I do. Again, read the labels carefully to be sure they will be safe for your family and pets. Prevention is the key to making sure your pets remain happy and healthy this spring and summer, and through the years to come. Your "best friend" will love you for it. And aren't they WORTH IT ???



Beth Grant
Animal Control Officer

In Memoriam:
Daddy the Pit Bull—Famous canine partner of Cesar Millan

Many of the staff here at Animal Control are huge fans of Cesar Milan and Daddy, his dog. In honor of everything they have both done for humans and dogs, we are reposting his Memoriam. Cesar Millan, all his family and friends, his staff and volunteers, and dog lovers all around the



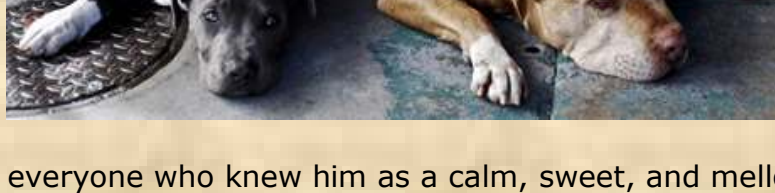
world today will mourn the passing of one of the most loyal, trusting, well-balanced, and influential pit bull ambassadors the world has ever known. Daddy, Cesar's longtime friend and partner in canine rehabilitation, died peacefully surrounded by family on Friday the 19th of February. He was sixteen years old.

He lived each day of those sixteen years happy

and fulfilled as Cesar's right-hand-"man," helping to shape the behavior of entire generations of dogs by showing them the way to balance. He stood as champion for calm-submissive pit bulls everywhere, and was instrumental in helping to repair their image as violent, savage, uncontrollable beasts. He successfully battled cancer and weathered chemotherapy, and even got the opportunity to present at the 56th Annual Creative Arts Emmy Awards!



His name is now added to that honorable roster of dogs gone by whose influence is still felt today, and which includes some of Cesar's beloved childhood heroes: "Rin-Tin-Tin." "Lassie." ... "Daddy."



He has been immortalized by Dog Whisperer fans in all mediums, from painting, to photographs, to charcoal drawings and papier-mâché sculpture. And, of course, he lives on in his work, reflected in the balance and calm -submission of his protégé Junior, the countless animals to whom he was a positive role model, and in the hearts and minds of

everyone who knew him as a calm, sweet, and mellow example of a widely misunderstood breed.

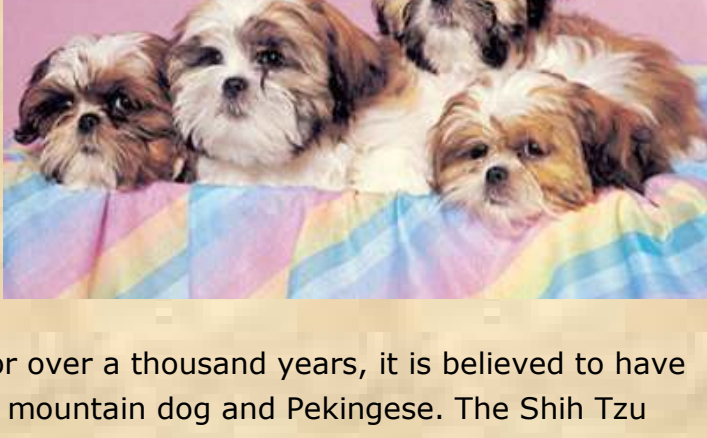
In Loving Memory.

Courtesy of Cesar Millan's Website www.cesarsway.com

If you or someone you know is suffering from the loss of a beloved pet, please visit <http://www.pet-loss.net>. This site is a wonderful source for helping with the grieving process.

Breed all about it
Meet the Shih Tzu

A compact and solid dog, the Shih Tzu's long, flowing double coat is its most distinctive feature. The word Shih Tzu means "lion" and although this dog is sweet and playful, he is not afraid to stand up for himself! One of the most popular dogs in the United States according to AKC® Registration Statistics, this portable pooch has a distinctively arrogant carriage with his head well up and tail curved over the back. All colors of Shih Tzu are allowed.



A Look Back

Cherished by Chinese royals as prized house pets for over a thousand years, it is believed to have descended from crossing the Lhasa Apso or Tibetan mountain dog and Pekingese. The Shih Tzu was the house pet for most of the Ming Dynasty and was discovered by soldiers in England during World War II.

Right Breed for You?

As the sole purpose of the Shih Tzu is companion and house pet, he should be lively, alert, friendly and trusting towards all. He requires minimal exercise, but his long, luxurious coat needs daily brushing and maintenance.

If you are considering purchasing a Shih Tzu puppy, learn more here.

Toy Group; AKC recognized in 1969.

Ranging in size from 8 to 11 inches tall at the shoulder and 9 to 16 pounds.

Companion, house pet.

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Featured Pet: Meet Jeri the Terrier Mix



Hello, my name is Jerri and I am a very sweet girl. I weigh about 20 pounds and I should be all done growing.

As you can see from my photo, I love being outside, but I promise I can be a great inside dog and cuddle bug.

The folks here think I am a smart little girl and would make a wonderful addition to any type of family.

With the warmer weather arriving, we dogs love to have visitors come and play with us in the yard!

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