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Pet Safety Alert: The Rising Dangers of Blue-Green Algae

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Alarming reports have recently surfaced of blue-green algae intoxications in pets. Many pet parents don't realize the severity of the threat these toxins pose to animals, and it's easy to overlook. During this recent spike in blue-green algae cases, we want to make sure you have everything you need to know to keep pets safe.

Water containing toxic algae blooms will often have the appearance of a pea-green paint or will appear as if there's slime on the surface.

If certain wind conditions are present, the film will often concentrate along the shoreline in areas where animals may drink or swim.

Prevention is key when it comes to any pet toxin. Don't allow your pets to drink from stagnant ponds, lakes or other bodies of water that have bluish-green scum on the surface or around the edges.

Blue-green algae cells can also stick to a pet's fur and be ingested when they clean themselves, so take caution before allowing your pet to jump into a body of water and be sure to rinse your pet thoroughly with fresh water after going for a dip.

Signs of blue-green algae toxicity include:

- Seizures
- Panting
- Excessive drooling
- Respiratory failure
- Diarrhea
- Disorientation
- Vomiting
- Liver failure
- Ultimately death

If your dog begins to experience any of these symptoms, you should contact your veterinarian immediately.

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From Our Kitchen to Yours

Spicy Tortilla Roll-Ups

Ingredients:

1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened

1 (2 ounce) can chopped black olives

1 (4 ounce) can diced green chiles

1 (4 ounce) jar sliced pimento peppers, drained

2 green onions, minced

3 tablespoons hot pepper sauce

3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

10 (10 inch) flour tortillas

Directions:

In a medium-size mixing bowl, combine cream cheese, olives, chiles, pimentos, green onions, hot sauce and fresh cilantro.

Spread the mixture onto tortillas. Roll the tortillas up and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

Slice the roll into 1/2" slices and serve.



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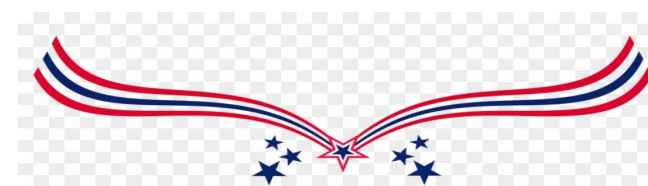
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“Do not let the behavior of others destroy your inner peace.”
~Dalai Lama

Why Does Your Air Conditioning Need Recharging?

On hot, sunny days, few things are more frustrating than having to ride around in a car with a nonfunctional cooling system. If your car’s air-conditioning system blows only warm air on hot days, it’s probably because it is low on refrigerant, and the most likely cause is a leak somewhere in the system.

Let’s take a closer look at what causes car air conditioners to blow warm air and when car cooling systems may need to be recharged.

“Topping Off” Your Car’s A/C System Is Not Necessary

Though many car owners think they need to recharge or “top off” their air-conditioning system with refrigerant on a regular or annual basis, that’s not the case. An A/C system is a closed system, and if there are no problems, coolant is not consumed by the vehicle, nor does it escape. Unless your auto’s A/C is in need of repair, there is no need to “top off” the system. If the air conditioning stops working but the fan continues to blow warm air, a leak in a hose, connector or other part of the system is probably the culprit.

During the winter, you may notice that the defroster isn’t clearing fogged-up windows; that is also a sign that you have a leak. Most defrosters engage the air conditioning to dehumidify the air. Problems with your car’s A/C may also signify compressor or condenser troubles that require professional repair. Auto A/Cs are complex systems, and there are numerous things that can go wrong. This is especially true of air conditioners in older vehicles.

If there is a leak in a hose or anywhere else in the A/C, the system on most modern vehicles is designed to shut down once the refrigerant level drops to a certain level in order to prevent damage to the air-conditioning compressor. The compressor pressurizes the refrigerant and keeps it flowing throughout the system. When there is not enough refrigerant in the A/C, serious compressor damage may occur. Generally speaking, compressor repair is quite expensive and best to avoid whenever possible.

The EPA notes that a repair shop (or a do-it-yourselfer) can’t tell precisely how much refrigerant is in the system without the proper equipment. By performing a complete evacuation and recharge (a more expensive procedure and one that should be done by a professional), the EPA advises, the repair shop will be able to test the complete system and recharge it with the precise amount of refrigerant recommended by the vehicle manufacturer. The EPA adds that there usually is no reason to clean the system unless it is opened up, as when you need to check for leaks or other problems.

When is it time to add or replace the refrigerant? You could be proactive and have it done before you experience problems, but you shouldn’t need that more often than every few years at most. If your air conditioning is losing its potency even after topping it off, then you probably have a leak. But if you stay as cool as a cucumber on the hottest days, you could just leave well enough alone. The air conditioner obviously has enough refrigerant.



Birthstone: Ruby
Flower: Water Lily or Larkspur
Cancer (June 21 to July 20)
Leo (July 21 to August 20)

For thousands of years, **Ruby** was considered the stone of love, energy, passion, power, and a zest for life.

The Water Lily is symbolic of rebirth and also represents good fortune, peace and enlightenment. The Larkspur represents the strong bond of love.

On July 4, 1776, Congress officially adopted the Declaration of Independence, but it actually wasn’t signed until almost a month later. When the declaration was officially approved on July 4, John Hancock and Charles Thompson (president and secretary of the Continental Congress) signed the draft that day. The official copy wasn’t signed by all 56 signers until August 2, 1776.

When John Adams wrote that letter predicting an annual Fourth of July celebration, he specifically called out one iconic tradition: Fireworks. He wrote that the holiday would be celebrated “with illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward, forevermore”.

The United States flag didn’t always have 50 stars. In fact, the original flag only had 13—which represented the 13 original colonies. The blue square with the stars is referred to as ‘the union’ on the flag, and should always be displayed at the peak of the flag staff (or on the flags’ uppermost right side—the observer’s left), if hung on a wall.


Although the holiday has been celebrated each year since 1776, it wasn’t declared an official holiday until 1870. Although the holiday was celebrated annually, it wasn’t until after the War of 1812, when the U.S. faced Great Britain again and patriotic sentiments were at an all-time high, that the Fourth of July became an even larger celebration than before. Because of this, Congress declared it an official holiday in 1870 and in 1941 made the day a paid holiday for all federal employees.

Although the holiday wasn’t made an official nation-wide holiday until 1870, the state of Massachusetts has recognized the holiday since 1781. Several months before America won the Revolutionary War, Massachusetts declared the Fourth of July an official state holiday.



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America	Fireworks	Independence	Red	United
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Britain	Fourth	Liberty	Stars	
Celebrate	Freedom	Parade	Stripes	
Declaration	Holiday	Picnic	Summer	



IF YOU WRITE A BOOK ABOUT FAILURE, AND IT DOESN'T SELL, IS IT CALLED SUCCESS?

Why must I prove that I'm me to pay bills over the phone?!
Do strangers call to pay my bills?
And if they do, please freakin' LET THEM!