

TCHS MARCH NEWSLETTER



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Common Pet Poisons Lurking in Your Garden

Last year, the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center fielded tens of thousands of calls related to pets who accidentally ingested or came in contact with garden-related products, including insecticides, weed killers and pet-toxic plants. Don't let your furry beloved become a victim of your green thumb—read our expert tips below.

- When designing and planting your green space, keep in mind that many popular outdoor plants—including sago palm, rhododendron and azalea—are toxic to cats and dogs, and may cause liver failure or heart problems.
- When walking your dog, take care to keep Fido off the grass and away from toxic lawn and garden products. Cocoa mulch—a byproduct of chocolate—is especially problematic because it attracts dogs with its sweet smell and can cause them gastrointestinal distress or more serious neurological problems if consumed in large quantities.
- Always store pesticides in inaccessible areas. The most dangerous forms of pesticides include snail bait with metaldehyde, fly bait with methomyl, insecticides with the ingredients disyston or disulfoton, mole or gopher bait with zinc phosphide, and most forms of rat poisons.

- Unattended garden tools may seem like no big deal, but rakes, tillers, hoes and trowels can be hazardous to pets and cause trauma to paws, noses or other parts of a curious pet's body. Please leave all unused tools in a safe area, not haphazardly scattered on the ground.

Have You Seen This Dog?

More than 10 million pets are reported lost every year. Preventative measures can be taken to eliminate the chances of your pet ever becoming one of these statistics, although it can still happen. Dogs without collars have an even lesser chance of being reunited with their families. According to the American Humane Association, roughly 17% of lost dogs and 2% of lost cats ever find their owners. Lost pets become labeled as “strays” and nearly 20 million of them are euthanized each year because their owners cannot be located. One way to greatly increase the possibility of your lost pet being reunited is to have them tagged with a microchip.

The microchip is a small computer chip with an identification number programmed into it. It is small enough to fit into a hypodermic needle. Once implanted, the I.D. number cannot be altered or removed;

once the chip is implanted, a layer of connective tissue forms around it, preventing movement.

Microchips will last for your pet's lifetime, as there are no moving parts and nothing to replace. The procedure is simple, routine and painless, and it doesn't require an anesthetic. Much like a vaccination, your pet simply gets an injection just under the loose skin between the shoulder blades; most animals don't react at all. Long-term studies have shown the implantation causes no known medical complications.

The chip contains an identification code that is unique to your pet. Most veterinarians and animal shelters have scanners that can read that identification code. Universal scanners that will read all brands of microchips are commonly used.

TCHS WILL AGAIN BE SPONSORING THE ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET!!! MORE INFO ON THIS 'DELICIOUS' EVENT WILL BE AVAILABLE IN NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!!! WHERE YOU CAN FIND INFORMATION ON ADOPTABLE PETS, LOST AND FOUND PETS, PETS THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED, ITEMS NEEDED, ETC

PICTURED BELOW IS OF JENEVAH AND HER NEW OWNER!!!



PET OF THE MONTH



Sweet, sweet adorable Molly Ann. How could you NOT love that brilliant, cute face? Not to mention her personality matches her glamour!! Molly Ann has been at the shelter since last yr. She has a discerning charm and is just downright irresistible!!! Your new best friend is still waiting.....

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH AT 5:30 AT THE LIBRARY. ALL MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

TCHS IS SEEKING A NEW BOARD MEMBER. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES MAY CONTACT KELLY SCHULTZ AT counselingconnection@tds.net WE'RE ALWAYS INTERESTED IN NEW IDEAS, GOALS, ETC. THAT PERSON MAY JUST BE YOU!!

