



Leash on Life

July 2019

Dirty Dogs have fun...



...at the dog wash fun-raiser! **Leash on Life in North Liberty**, will sponsor a dog wash in our parking lot. The wash benefits [Iowa Humane Alliance](#), spay and neuter clinic. Mark your calendar now—and please bring your dirty (or semi-dirty) & friendly dogs on down for a wonderful shampoo.

When: **Saturday July 27th from 10am to 2pm**

Where: Leash on Life North Liberty parking lot

- Bath and a nail trim, all for a \$25 donation.
- Microchips will also be available for dogs for \$25.
- Professional nail trim will be only \$10.

What a fun way to spend the afternoon: your dog gets clean, someone else gets dirty. Humans get treats too. Hills Bank Lemon Boss kids will be here with lemonade and baked goods.

Thank you to Hills Bank for washing the dogs and Heartland Kennels for the nail trims.

Make sure your dog has their current rabies certificate with them (tag is not sufficient).

Summer precautions...

Unlike us, dogs cool themselves by panting, and in extreme heat panting becomes ineffective. Heat stroke and death in pets can occur within minutes. The most common sign of heat stroke is excessive panting and thick, ropery saliva and some dogs appear restless. If you think your dog is suffering heat stroke, move her immediately to a cooler, better ventilated environment. Wet her down with cool tap water and turn on a fan. Do not use cold or icy water, as this will cause superficial blood vessels to constrict, which will trap the heat inside rather than allowing it to dissipate. Offer, but do not try to force drinking water and seek veterinary attention as soon as possible.



Taking your dog out with you can be great fun. Don't forget to include water for both of you. You can find portable bowls and containers here at Leash on Life.

As for summer picnics, downtown events and fireworks...please leave your dog home. In addition to the temperature, the pavement can be too hot for their feet and even the most social dog can become frightened by fireworks and loud music.

Iowa City

M-F 10 to 6

Sat 10 to 4

Sun noon to 4

319-354-4334

North Liberty

M-F 10 to 6

Sat 10 to 4

Sun 11 to 2

319-665-2186

Grain Free Dog Food...



Last summer the FDA issued a potential link between dogs eating a grain free diet containing legumes and dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM). This week follow-up information has been released. The FDA states there is still no direct link between grain free diets and DCM.

The cause of the problem is complex and unknown. Researchers investigating the problem suspect the answer won't be easy to identify. The FDA cannot say with certainty that diet is the culprit. The FDA does note they are working with self-reporting data, thus prone to reporting bias.

At that time and again this week, the FDA said: "Based on the data collected and analyzed thus far, the agency believes that the potential association between diet and DCM in dogs is a complex scientific issue that may involve multiple factors". In the past 5 years 515 canine cases of DCM have been reported. Per the current FDA report "The American Veterinary Medical Association estimates that there are 77 million pet dogs in the United States. Most dogs in the U.S. have been eating pet food without apparently developing DCM". DCM reported in 515 dogs out of 77 million would be .00067% of dogs.

What should you do if you are feeding a grain free food? Ask yourself why you are feeding grain free, the fact is very few dogs have food allergies and actually need a grain free diet. There is enough evidence to suggest most dogs do NOT need a grain free diet.

For the health & safety of all our pets Leash on Life has and continues to carry both grain free and grain inclusive foods of extremely high quality. Come in and talk with us about changing your food if you have concerns. We will continue to monitor the findings of the research.

Adoptable Pet of the Month, Pongo...

Pongo is a 2-year-old Aussie mix. He is ready for an active fun home. Pongo is available through the Iowa City Adoption Center. Call (319) 356-5295 or visit www.icanimalcenter.org to learn more about all the animals at the Center.

