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KID'S CORNER NEWSLETTER

Nov 2026





ADOPTABLE ANIMAL SPOTLIGHT!



Name: Lima
Age: 1 year 2 monthes
Sex: Uneutered male
Breed: Mouse, Domestic
Likes: Food, treats, digging, redecorating and his wheel!



Name: Ester
Age: 9 years
Sex: Spayed Female
Breed: Hound
Likes: Friends (both human and dog), walks and food!



Name: Chum
Age: 12 years
Sex: Neutered Male
Breed: Shorthair, Domestic
Likes: Nice people & his pal Phillip Sherman; they hope for a home together!



Visit www.rescueleague.org for more information on animals and programming!

November is Adopt A Senior Pet Month!



November is Adopt A Senior Pet Month! A yearly campaign to spread the word about all the senior pets in shelters and to help them get adopted.

Why do we need Adopt A Senior Pet Month?



- **It takes longer for senior pets in shelters to get adopted than younger pets.**
  - Why? Some people worry senior pets will cost more in vet care, which is not always true! Others might think older animals are “set in their ways” and will have trouble adjusting to change, which is also not always the case!
- **Why consider adopting a senior pet?**
  - Often, senior pets are great cuddly couch potatoes and require less work to keep them entertained and busy, but they are still awesome!
  - Dogs: Adult dogs are generally already house-trained, leash-trained and socialized
  - Senior pets have settled into their personalities, so you have an idea what to expect, but younger animals are still growing, learning and changing.









WAYS TO CELEBRATE ADOPT A SENIOR PET MONTH



Adopt A Senior Pet Month raises awareness about senior pets in shelters! Here are a few ways kids can help.

1. Draw a picture of one of our senior pets and bring it or mail it to us so we can post it on the pet's window to help them get noticed and get adopted!
2. Sign up for our Tales for Tails program and come read to our senior animals.
3. Spread awareness about how many senior pets are in shelters in need of homes.
4. Do you have a lovable senior pet from a shelter? Tell people so they want to adopt a senior pet!
5. Gather donations for senior shelter pets at:
   - school
   - church
   - yard sale
   - lemonade stand
   - birthday party

   Check out our: wishlist or donation page to see what ARLNH accepts for donations.



DID YOU KNOW?

Why is Adopt A Senior Pet Month important?

- it reminds us of the large number of senior pets in shelters in the U.S. in need of homes
- spreads awareness about the needs of senior shelter pets who wait longer for homes than younger pets; especially those with health issues or those that are part of a bonded pair!
- inspires us to advocate for senior pets (and ALL pets)
- reminds people to adopt senior pets from the shelter
- celebrates the love and friendship senior pets have to offer and how special it is to give a senior pet a second chance













HAVE A SENIOR PET? CELEBRATE YOUR SENIOR PAL THIS MONTH!



How?

1. Draw a picture of you and your pet to hang up in your room!

2. Make sure your senior pet has a couple of nice soft beds to sleep in so they are comfortable throughout the house!

3. Write a story about your pet! If you got your pet here at the shelter, email or mail us your story and we might publish it on our Facebook! Include a photo or picture.

4. Ask your parents to help you take a few photos with your pet. Post your favorite picture in your room!



5. Make sure your senior pet is up to date on all their shots. Have they been to the vet recently? Ask the vet how to make your pet more comfortable into their old age. They may need joint supplements now that they are getting older!







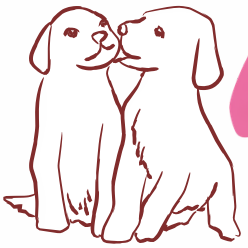
Senior Pet Care

What do senior pets need?...

1. SENIOR PETS NEED LOTS OF LOVE!

2. THEY OFTEN STILL LIKE TO PLAY, WITH BREAKS AS NEEDED

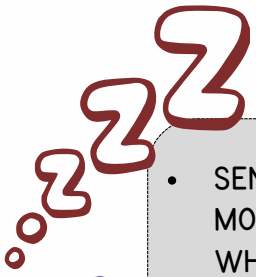
3. THEY NEED VETCARE
   - YEARLY EXAMS
   - BOOSTERS
   - FLEA AND TICK
   - HEARTWORM PREVENTATIVE



4.
   - FIND PET FRIENDS FOR SOCIAL PETS
   - FOR PETS WHO DO NOT LOVE OTHER PETS (WHICH IS OKAY!), DO NOT FORCE SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

5. THEY NEED NUTRITIOUS FOOD





6.
   - SENIOR PETS MAY SLEEP MORE OFTEN THAN THEY DID WHEN THEY WERE YOUNGER, LET THEM
   - BUT IF YOU NOTICE A SUDDEN CHANGE IN BEHAVIOR, CONTACT YOUR VET



7. ALLOW CONSTANT ACCESS TO PLENTY OF FRESH WATER (A FOUNTAIN IS OPTIONAL) TO SUPPORT KIDNEY HEALTH

8.
   - DOGS: BRING THEM OUT TO THE BATHROOM MORE FREQUENTLY
   - CATS AND BUNNIES: OFFER 2 LITTER BOXES AND CLEAN OFTEN
   - BE CERTAIN TO KEEP UP WITH GROOMING AND NAIL TRIMS



9. HOW TO SUPPORT JOINT HEALTH
   - JOINT SUPPLEMENTS
   - PET STAIRS, RAMPS AND RUGS AND BABY GATES, AS NEEDED
   - IF YOU SUSPECT THEY ARE IN PAIN, DISCUSS OPTIONS WITH YOUR VET!





Holiday Pet Safety Tips



NO SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETIE!

Keep your pets away from desserts and candy (especially chocolate). Avoid placing bowls on the ground. Keep foods out of reach of your pet.





KEEP FLOWERS AND PLANTS AWAY FROM FURRY FRIENDS

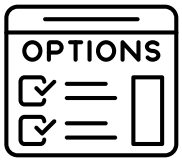
Decorative plants can be toxic! Keep them out of reach. If you think your pet ate a toxic plant, tell a parent. They will want to contact the vet.





GREETING GUESTS IS OPTIONAL

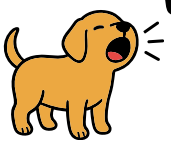
Do not force unwanted guest interactions with pets who are too shy or nervous with new people. Pets can be crated or put in the other room.





THE DOOR AND BUSY HOLIDAYS

The front door is a high traffic area. Doorbells and knocks can upset even the friendliest pets.





HAVE PETS I.D. READY







Watch pets if holiday guests are coming and going through the door. Microchip and tag your pet in case they get out. This will help with reunification.

PARTY POOPERS ARE OKAY

Some pets are happier in a quiet room away from the party!





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TALES FOR TAILS READING PROGRAM

Love reading? Come on by and read to our shelter pets as they await adoption day!







Hours available Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday



Scan me

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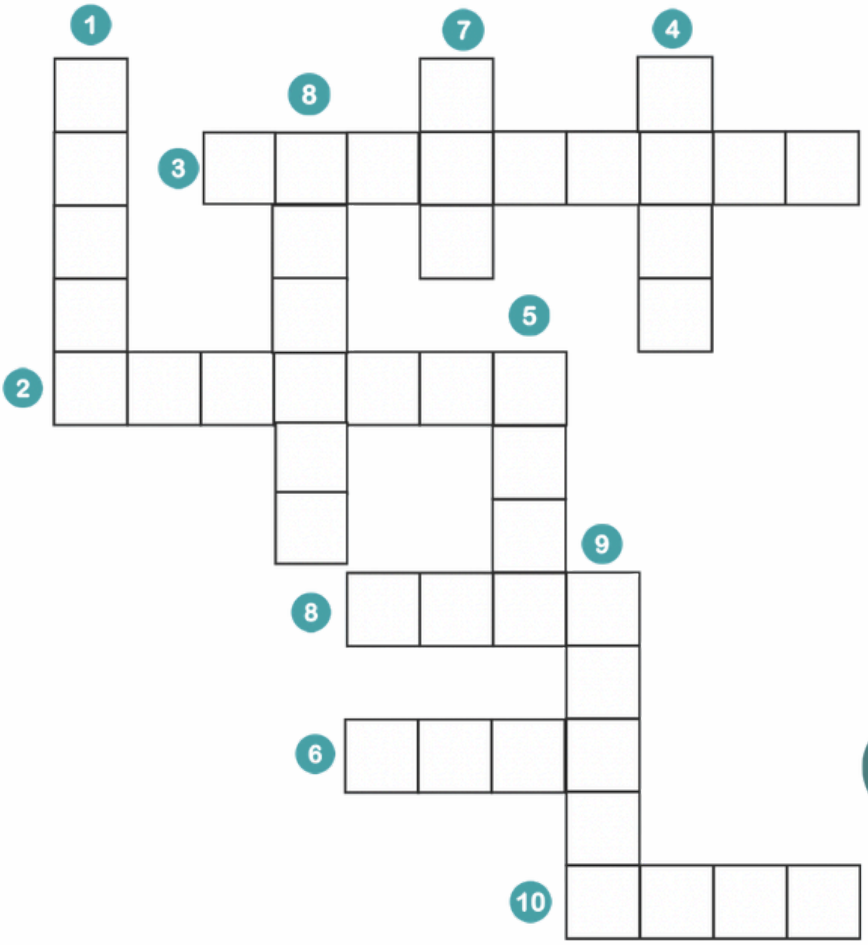
Senior Pet Facts

CROSSWORD PUZZLE





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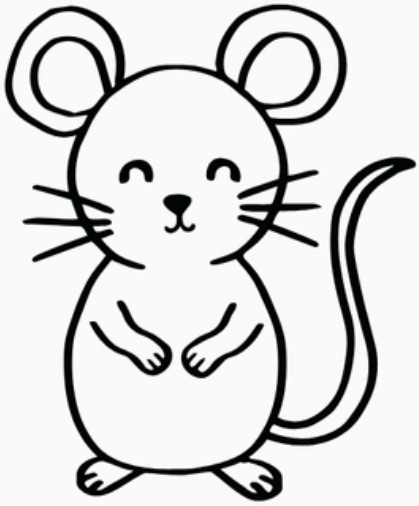
4. What type of supplements do many senior pets need to help them get around?
7. What type of pet's lifespan shortens with size, with giant breeds seniors by age 5-6 years and medium breeds are seniors around 8-10 years old?
8. Type of training method using food that can work for food-motivated seniors!
9. Sometimes senior pets need more _____ compared to young adult pets

ACROSS

2. Senior pets are often _____ while younger pets are untrained
3. Vets often recommend _____ for senior pets
5. Sometimes senior ____ can't hike for as long as they did when they were younger and prefer a short walk.
6. Larger breed bunnies become seniors sooner than smaller breeds. True or false?
10. What do senior cats (and younger ones too!) do when we pet them? Purr

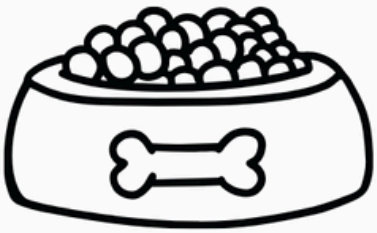

FALL FUN


PETS







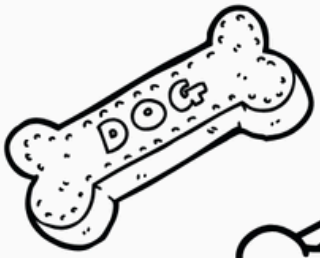








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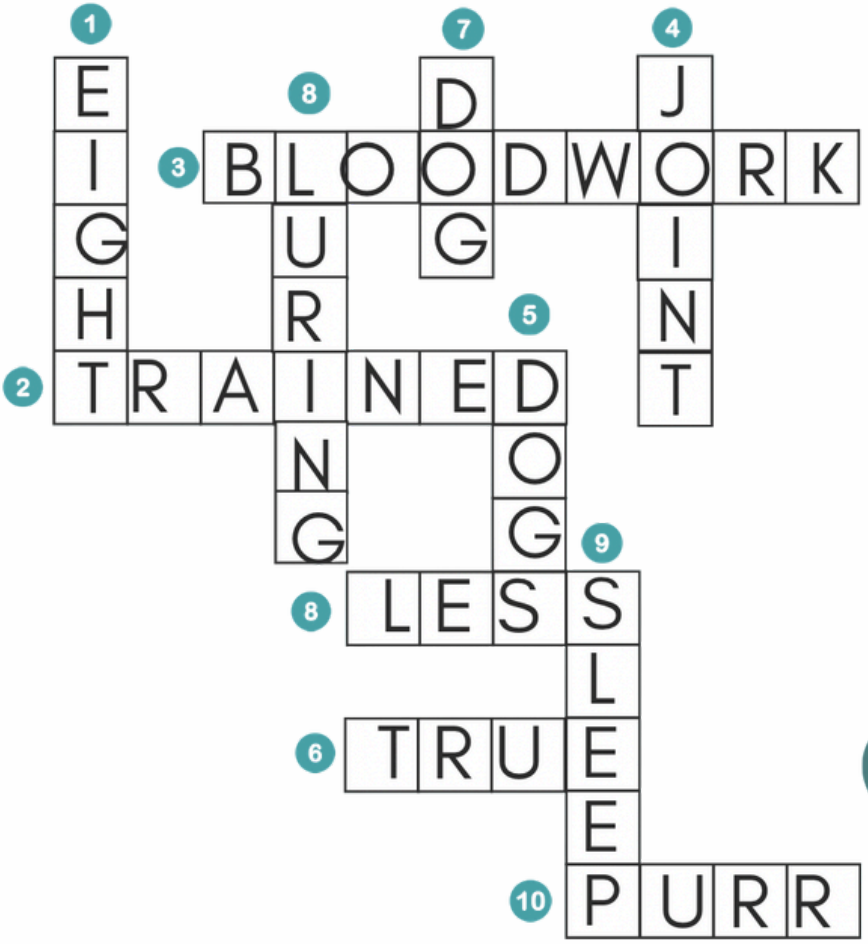



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