

THE LAKEWOOD LATEST

PET GAZETTE



WHAT'S NEW!

Welcome to all of our new furry faces and their pet parents. Thank you for choosing and trusting us!

We will be CLOSED:

Monday - Friday, April 3-7, 2023



NEW PATIENT SPOTLIGHT



MERLIN



CHASE



CHOPPER

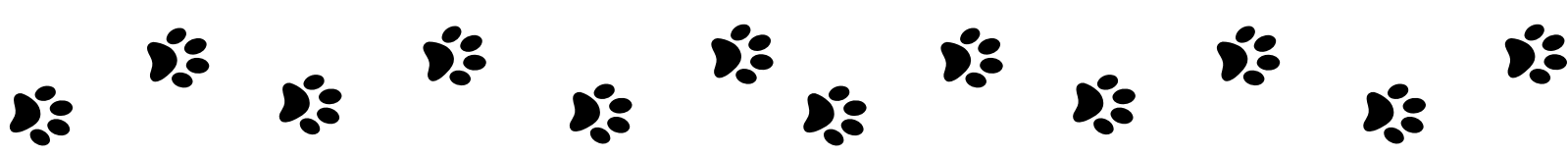


10 minute no bake dog treats

makes about 15 treats

- 1 CUP PUMPKIN PUREE
- 1/2 CUP PEANUT BUTTER
- 2 1/2 CUPS OATS (ROLLED/OLD FASHION OATS ARE FINE)
- 1/4 CUP HONEY

1. IN A LARGE BOWL MIX YOUR OATS, PEANUT BUTTER, PUMPKIN PUREE, AND HONEY UNTIL FULLY COMBINED.
2. FORM 1 1/2" BALLS AND PLACE THEM ON A PARCHMENT LINED BAKING SHEET.
3. CHILL FOR 1 HOUR, AND THEN MOVE THEM TO AN AIR TIGHT CONTAINER.



Stress Free Visits



Do you recognize these products?
 We have both Zenidog and Feliway Optimum in all of our exam rooms!
 Both are pheromone products scientifically proven to help your pet manage stress.



11 CLEVER LIFE HACKS

EVERY PET PARENT SHOULD KNOW

1 No lint roller? Rubber gloves make perfect stray hair collectors!

2 Slow down a fast eater by dropping a ball into the food dish.

3 Massage petroleum jelly onto paws to create a protective barrier.

4 Use a carabiner to secure your dog's leash to just about anything.

5 Smear pet-safe toothpaste on chew toys to help pets self-brush.

6 Use pillowcases over pet beds for easy washing.

7 Use a shower cap during bath time to help prevent ear infections.

8 If your dog escapes, don't chase! Lie down and curl into a ball – he'll think you need help.

9 Put double-sided masking tape on surfaces you want to keep cats off!

10 Smear peanut butter on bath walls to keep dogs distracted.

11 Using chalk, draw a circle around food dishes to keep ants away.



Make your pet happier - and your life easier!

Springtime Activities for you & your cat!



GET A WINDOW BIRD FEEDER SO YOUR CAT CAN WATCH ALL THE BIRDS UP CLOSE!

GROW YOUR OWN CATNIP!

THIS CAN BE DONE INDOORS OR OUTSIDE. MAKE SURE TO KEEP THE PLANTS IN A VERY SUNNY AREA WITH WELL-DRAINED SOIL.



LICK MATS! WE USE THESE AT LAKEWOOD TO ENHANCE YOUR PET'S EXPERIENCE HERE. LICK MATS CAN BE PURCHASED AT YOUR LOCAL PET STORE OR ONLINE. SMEAR CANNED CAT FOOD, CHURU CAT TREATS, OR OTHER FAVORITE FOODS ON THE MAT. TRY FREEZING IT!

WALKING WITH YOUR DOG

Walking is healthy for you and your dog. Not only is it physical activity, but it's mental stimulation for your dog to smell, see and hear beyond the limits of your yard. Walking helps preserve your pet's muscle tone and joint movement. If your pet is overweight or obese, walking can be a great way to shed those extra pounds.

The following tips can help you design a safe walking program for your dog...or even for your cat. (Yes, it is possible to train a cat to accept a harness and go for walks!)

- Begin with short, frequent walks, and take frequent rests as needed.
- If your pet seems to just want to go back home, try driving to a nearby park or less familiar area for your walks.
- Remember that walks are also a means for your dog to enjoy his/her environment; allow your dog to take "sniff breaks" within reason.
- Build gradually to one or more 15 minutes periods of brisk walking, then allow for cool-down time and recovery.
- Avoid walks during the hottest parts of the day during warmer weather. Learn the signs of heat stress (we can tell you this!) so you can recognize and address any problems that occur.
- During warm, sunny weather, avoid hot surfaces – such as asphalt – that can burn your pet's feet.
- Walk on safe footing to avoid slips, falls or injuries.
- If your pet shows signs of lameness, difficulty breathing, or seems to tire quickly, consult your veterinarian.
- Obey leash laws, and always clean up after your dog.

Source: <https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/pet-owners/petcare/walking-your-pet>

Refer a friend
and earn a gift card!

Hiking Trails by Locust Grove, VA

- **First Day at Chancellorsville Battlefield Trail**
 - 9001 Plank Rd, Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA 22553
 - Length **3.4 mi** Elevation gain **203 ft** Route type **Loop**
- **Ni River Trail**
 - 8110 River Stone Dr, Fredericksburg, VA 22407
 - Length **2.7 mi** Elevation gain **141 ft** Route type **Loop**
- **Alum Springs Park Loop**
 - 1 Greenbrier Dr., Fredericksburg, VA 22401
 - Length **1.0 mi** Elevation gain **82 ft** Route type **Loop**



CASE STUDY

Gesundheit

ge·sund·heit

"used to wish good health to a person who has just sneezed"

This young kitty came to Lakewood because he had a runny nose and had been sneezing repeatedly for several days. While sneezing is a common problem in young cats, this patient gave us a surprise with an uncommon reason for his symptoms.

Upon close examination, a small green object was seen just inside the right nostril. Any attempt to grasp or manipulate the object led to repetitive sneezing. We sedated him and then were able to grasp the object and gently remove a large piece of grass from his nose!





FELINE DENTAL FACTS



Just as we need to visit the dentist, your cat needs to visit your veterinarian to get his teeth checked, too. Taking care of your cats teeth is the best way to ward off dental pain and disease.



6-12 MONTHS

Professional dental evaluations should be performed by your veterinarian every 6-12 months, and will involve a general examination and possibly x-rays and cleaning.

Source: <https://pro.zoetispetcare.com>

Congratulations are in order!

Francesca officially began school in early 2023 to become a Licensed Veterinary Technician. She has been with the Lakewood team for a couple years as a knowledgeable veterinary assistant. We are so excited for her to begin this new chapter!

