



Morning Starr No-Kill Animal Sanctuary

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NEWSLETTER
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GOOD PLAY / BAD PLAY FOR PUPPIES AND SENIOR DOGS!

Now that you have adopted your puppy it's time to learn how to play properly so they can grow up happy and healthy! It is important to consider your dogs age and choose play that is appropriate for his stage of life. Puppies love to play but we must remember they are continuing to develop until around 2 years of age. The goal is to prevent serious injury around play time. For example there are soft areas at the end of their bones where growth occurs. These areas can be injured when puppies jump down or leap over things twisting causing growth plate injury. Growth plate injury can alter the shape of the injured limb. Puppies should play gentle tugging games keeping all four paws on the floor. Watch that the intensity of the games do not become too aggressive. Keep all games low impact. Gentle walks are a perfect way to give your new puppy exercise and a good time to do some easy training like sit, stay, come etc. When your puppy reaches 14 months you can introduce more vigorous play times.

For those who have been kind enough to adopt a senior dog, play time for your dog may not happen as often so you must still be aware that some games played too intensely may cause injury. Obedience training is a good way to exercise your senior in a controlled environment. As they age tugging may not be a good game. It is better to do more controlled low impact mindful forms of play. "Find it" games involving hiding toys, treats and even family members are fun and easier for senior dogs.

When it comes to your dog they just want your time and it is up to you to make it as fun and safe as possible.



SPAY and NEUTER



Side notes: Our newsletters are on our website www.morningstarr.org to view at anytime. As part of Morning Starr's commitment to spay/neuter programs, we have applied for another grant. Once we have been advised we will share the news with you.



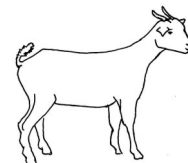
KNOW YOUR PET!

I receive many calls from pet owners about their pets either acting different, bumps appearing and sometimes holes opening up and draining. I always tell pet owners that they should see a vet if they have any concerns especially if the animal is not eating or drinking.

If they are eating, drinking, pooping peeing, etc., the first thing I advise them to is examine their pet. Not just when they are not feeling well but on a regular basis. The first thing is to listen to the heartbeat. A canine's heart rate should be between 70-180 beats per minute. A feline is slightly higher at 145-200 beats per minute. Make a note of how many beats per minute. Then lift up the lip and look at the gums. They should be a nice pink color. When you press on them with your finger they should turn white and turn back pink within 3 seconds. Feel the animal all over for any bumps or soreness. Make a note of the size of any bumps and check them regularly to see if they are growing. Pull the eyelid down and it should be a nice pink color all around. If it is white there could be a problem. Take a temperature. For Canines 99.9-102.5 is completely normal — for Felines 100-102.5. You can use a rectal thermometer or an ear thermometer. If temps are high you can use cool water on a dog or cats paws to help lower it. Living in Arizona many pets don't drink enough water and become dehydrated. To check this just pinch the skin on their body and see if it stays like a little tent or if it bounces back to normal. If it tents this can be a sign of dehydration. You can moisten their mouths with a wet washcloth to help get them drinking.

If you have a cat that goes outside you will probably experience bumps around the face and neck from fighting. These are called abscesses. You can treat these with warm compresses of Epsom Salt and warm water. After about a day they will usually drain themselves. Keep them clean and open. If you have other types of animals you can google information about them so you know what is normal and abnormal.

By knowing your animal it will be easy to notice changes in order to prevent emergency situations.





ACT OF KINDNESS FUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL UPDATE

From July 2018 to Sept 2019 we were able to assist 58 pet owners with this fund. There have been various emergency situations such as badly infected teeth, an impaction, several uterine infections, injured limbs, dogs eating tampons and fishhooks, to name a few. Expenditures for this time period were \$16,072.38. Because we did not receive a grant as applied for Morning Starr will continue to fund this program with donations from animals lovers like you! As the end of September we have received \$1055.87 in donations.

HEALTHY PET PROJECT SPAY/NEUTER ASSISTANCE UPDATE

From November 2018 through June 2019 Morning Starr has assisted with 70 spay/neuters. Expenditures to date were \$6,787.34. These funds were sponsored by your generous and greatly appreciated donations to Morning Starr!

On June 11, 2019 we received a spay/neuter grant from Arizona Community Foundation of Sedona in the amount of \$4885.00. So far we have assisted 43 pet owners. We spayed/neutered 24 dogs and 19 cats to date leaving a grant balance of \$1355.43. Donations can be made on our website through Paypal or mailed to our P.O. Box 1363, Cornville, AZ 86325.

You may contact us at:

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Applications can be found on our website at www.morningstarr.org



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