

HAPPY ENDINGS ANIMAL RESCUE
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DOG CARE

Beware the Foxtail !



Foxtails

<http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art29569.asp>

Foxtails are grass-like weeds which resemble the tails of foxes. They are usually found only in states west of the Mississippi. The seeds of the drying or dried grasses detach from the plant and stick to a person's clothes or an animal's hair. **Since the seeds are barbed like a fish hook, they can be very difficult to remove.** Once embedded, foxtail seeds can cause severe infections or abscess.

- If you have foxtails in your yard, remove (dig them up) the weeds.
- Keep your dog away from grassy weeds when walking, hiking or hunting.
- Discourage your dogs from chewing on grasses. Examine your pet daily.
- If you see a foxtail seed sticking in the dog's skin, carefully pull it straight out, making sure not to break it off in the process.
- If you think a seed might already be embedded in the skin, paw, eye or ear, or if your dog has been eating grass, seems to have a throat problem, get the dog to a veterinarian as soon as possible! Waiting can make it harder to find, allow it to migrate and become more dangerous, and treatment more difficult.
- <http://www.csupomona.edu/~jcclark/dogs/foxtails.html>
- [Foxtails Can Be Hazardous to Your Pet's Health](#)

DOG DAY IN THE PARK!! On August 21st Happy Endings will be having a 2 mile Dog Walk and other fun activities, goodies & games. We hope to make it an all around fun day for our doggie lovers! We hope you can be there! Check our website for details or call 360-7800.



<http://www.coloring.ws/bears.htm>

Bear with us. We are in the process of updating our website but want you to visit and visit often! You can contact us thru the website: <http://hear-wyo.org/> or sue82941@yahoo.com; happypendingar23@yahoo.com

2010 RENDEZVOUS.....
We would like to thank everyone visited... Happy Endings during Rendezvous..... weekend this year. We met some nice..... folks who were passing thru the area, like the man from Boston who was heading.... up to Yellowstone!! This year we took in.. \$433.00 for the rescue. Thank you all..... for your generosity.....

Cat Care: Had cats been human beings, they could have walked down on their own and got vaccinated. As it is, it is our duty to protect our beloved pets from these life-threatening diseases and make sure they don't suffer.

When a kitten is born, it is protected by the mother's milk. After 3 months of age, you should begin vaccinations.

<http://catcarehome.com/tips-for-cat-vaccination.php>

Plants that are common that can be harmful to your kitty: Aloe Vera, Daffodil, Geranium, Morning Glory, Lilly, Tomato Plants, Asparagus Fern, Corn Plants, Eucalyptus, and Onion. You can find a complete list of plants that may be harmful to your cat at:

<http://www.cfa.org/articles/plants.html>



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IN HELPING? Left roaming, both unaltered cats and dogs reproduce, add to the problem of homelessness. Animal rescues notoriously are in need of helping hands. Here in Pinedale, we are no exception. We do not have a facility, and can only provide for so many. Pet fostering will keep an animal from going into the institutional and sometimes traumatic setting of a pet shelter and/or help to relieve overcrowding at our local animal shelter. Fostering can make a pet more adoptable.

Living in a foster home can help to socialize a pet, making it more desirable for adoption and easing its eventual transition to a new home. Removing pets from shelters to foster homes can help to protect them from disease.

On August 21st HEAR is planning a fun day in the park. We have a dog walk planned, agility and games lined up, even thought of throwing in a costume contest! We will make a 2011 calendar that we hope will help you remember important dates and bring awareness to H.E.A.R.

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If you ever wonder if your dog's bark is worse than his/her proverbial bite, the answer may lie no further than your next-door neighbor. Excessive barking and sometimes escaping can result in neighborhood disputes and violations of animal control ordinances. If this type of behavior is creating tension with your neighbors, talking with them is the first step. Continual barking is a symptom that you, as a responsible pet owner, need to address. Asking your neighbors to let you know when your dog is barking when you are not home will help you resolve this problem. Some of the reasons your dog may be barking are

easily solved. It could be that he/she is left alone for long periods of time without opportunities to interact with

Fostering can be a low-cost way to experience the joy of having a pet in your home, since there may be little or no pet-related costs to you when you foster. Often a shelter or pet adoption agency provides shots; spaying or neutering, if needed; veterinary care; and even food. Pet fostering can be a wonderful learning experience. When you foster, we will continue to advertise to find a permanent home and provide you with the necessities. Until we have a place that we can keep these animals safely, we need your help. The rewards are knowing you have helped an animal by giving them a second chance. The abandoned (often abused) animals are the ones most in need of fosters. We have been able to work with folks to keep their animals until we can find permanent homes. This has helped tremendously. We also are looking for someone to help set up a foster program for this area. If you can help, please call Sue 360-7800, Robena - 231-1196 or Terry 367-6699.

anyone. Boredom, age and the type of dog are other reasons that excessive barking may be causing problems for you and your neighbors. It is important that dogs get adequate exercise daily, take time to "play" with your dog, provide "interesting toys to keep him/her busy while you are away, and communicate with your neighbors that you are aware and working on the problem.



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