

Creature Comforts: Caring for Your Best Friends

By Michal Smith

Greetings fellow pet owners! This is the first of monthly articles to come on the topics concerning our furry and feathered family members.

Who doesn't get a "bang" out of saving money? As the new owner of Creatures pet store, one of the most commonly voiced concerns we've received from the community is regarding the price of pet food. The old adage "you get what you pay for" certainly applies. In the case of pet food, you might even end up paying a great deal more than the

bag price in the way of vet bills down the road unless owners take the time to understand their pets nutritional needs. Some foods are made with a great deal of fillers such as corn or wheat meal and animal by-products containing little to no nutritional value. Unfortunately these ingredients can often, and over time, cause respiratory problems, allergies, skin conditions, lethargy, dull coat, loss of fur, and a shortened life span.

Often, a pet owner will also have to feed their pet a larger quantity of these foods in order for the animal to feel full. At Creatures, we pride ourselves in pro-

viding an option for owners who want to avoid these potential food related health issues. The food brands and choices are nutritionally sound and owners don't have to feed as much of the food to the pet at one feeding so the food supply will last owners longer. Therefore, the up front price of our pets food becomes more affordable in the long run.

And speaking of big "bangs", as we get ready to celebrate the 4th of July we need to take a moment to ensure we protect our pets from the stress of fireworks. Here are some tips to think about as it applies to your pet:

- Keep pets indoors as much as possible and especially during the fireworks displays

- Make sure pet ID tags are up to date in case of accidental escape

- Redirect anxiety with chew toys; crating or both

- Diffuse stress and help calm your pet with pheromone scent diffusers or calming soft chews available at Creatures!

Michal Smith is the owner of Creatures Pet Store at 736 Bridge Street in Vernonia.

NW Oregon Commercial and Industrial Sites Database

Do you have a vacant commercial or industrial site you're interested in selling or leasing? Are you interested in relocating or expanding your business in NW Oregon, but need a new or different location? Or are you just interested in staying informed on commercial and industrial sites available for development?

The Columbia County Economic Team is working with the Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District (Col-Pac) to create a comprehensive online database of available industrial and commercial properties in Columbia County.

Business owners and site selectors can view all Columbia County properties listed in the

database or can narrow their search by selecting key characteristics such as property size and value, types of utilities available, access to telecommunications and transportation, location, owner and certification by the State of Oregon as building-ready.

This powerful web tool also provides extensive data on demographics, consumer expenditures and business and workforce characteristics for each listed site.

Check it out at: www.oregonprospector.com/columbiapacific.

To sign up, and add your property to the database contact: David Stocker, Columbia County

Economic Team, at (503) 397-7218 or david.stocker@columbiacountyoregon.com.

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Fireworks Stand Supports Vernonia Baseball

It's that time of year again...the 4th of July and the annual fireworks stand presented by Vernonia Baseball. The stand will be located across from Vernonia City Hall and Wauna Federal Credit Union and will be selling fireworks from Thursday, June 30 - July 4th. Vernonia Baseball gets 50% of all profits made! Please come and support our kids playing baseball in Vernonia! The fireworks cost the same as the fireworks sold out of town and they do accept coupons! Vernonia Baseball looks forward to seeing you there. They thank you for your continual support and invite come watch them play ball, they still have a few games left this season!

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