

Salmon, Trout, or Steelhead can be deadly if dogs eat or lick them

Dogs that eat even a small amount of uncooked Salmon, Trout, or Steelhead are at risk of getting potentially fatal Salmon Poisoning disease.

A microscopic organism, *Nerickettsia helminthoeca*, the cause of Salmon Poisoning,

sometimes lives in a parasite, *Nanophytes Salmoncola*, that can infect the Salmon family. The germ is killed by cooking, freezing or hot smoking fish.

If a dog eats infected fish, symptoms start from a few days to five days later. Symptoms include: Decreased energy level; Increased tempera-

ture; Loss of appetite; Swollen lymph glands; Vomiting; Diarrhea (turning bloody within a day or two).

If untreated, 90 percent of dogs with symptoms will die within 7-14 days from dehydration and blood loss.

Fortunately, if caught early enough, Salmon Poisoning is treatable with antibiotics. In severe cases, intravenous fluids

may be needed. Get the dog to a veterinarian as soon as Salmon Poisoning is suspected. The longer before treatment starts, the harder and more expensive the treatment will be, and the greater the chance that treatment will not be successful.

If your dog is seen eating fish, talk to your veterinarian about a preventive shot of antibiotics to avoid Salmon Poi-

soning.

Most dogs are immune to future Salmon Poisoning once they have had and survived it. Special emphasis on MOST, not all dogs develop immunity.

Preventive measures include disposing of raw fish waste in a can with a tight fitting lid, leave dogs home when fishing, or leash dogs near water.

WEATHER REPORT

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DATE	TEMPERATURE		PRECIP. AMT.
	HI	LO	
1	70	44	--
2	72	39	--
3	75	39	--
4	75	40	--
5	83	41	--
6	85	44	--
7	82	46	--
8	77	47	.11
9	68	47	T
10	70	46	--
11	72	40	--
12	75	36	--
13	85	43	--
14	74	43	--
15	68	44	--
16	69	46	--
17	75	43	--
18	87	42	--
19	87	38	--
20	87	48	--
21	72	49	--
22	71	49	T
23	68	47	--
24	66	43	--
25	82	40	--
26	88	40	--
27	90	40	--
28	80	45	--
29	75	38	.17
30	73	40	--
31	75	35	--

Temperature and precipitation amounts are from the official U.S. weather station at the Vernonia water plant. Measurable precipitation in August totalled .28 inches.

Vernonia Rural Fire District

Abbreviations: EMS, Emergency Medical Service; MVA, Motor Vehicle Accident

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- Aug 1 - Mutual aid
- Aug 2 - EMS assist (2)
- Aug 4 - EMS assist (2), MVA Sleepy Ln
- Aug 5 - EMS assist (3)
- Aug 6 - EMS assist (2)
- Aug 7 - EMS assist, agency assist
- Aug 9 - EMS assist, MVA on Scap./Vernonia Hwy.
- Aug 10 - EMS assist (2), mutual aid, barkdust fire at Vernonia Middle School
- Aug 12 - EMS assist (2)
- Aug 14 - MVA on Rose Ave.
- Aug 15 - EMS assist (2)
- Aug 16 - EMS assist (2), MVA 47 & McDonald Rd.
- Aug 17 - EMS assist (2)
- Aug 18 - EMS assist
- Aug 19 - EMS assist, MVA (2) Bridge St., Neh Hwy S
- Aug 25 - EMS assist
- Aug 28 - Agency assist, structure fire on Keasey Rd.
- Aug 29 - Natural cover fire, structure fire Timber Rd.
- Aug 30 - EMS assist
- Aug 31 - EMS assist

Add some whole grains to meals for the nutrients

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the unbleached or white flour with whole wheat flour without changing how the recipe tastes.

• Use oatmeal in your meatloaf in place of cracker crumbs or white bread.

• Mix white rice with brown rice in a 50/50 mix.

Read ingredient labels to discover how much whole or multi grain the item includes. Look for one of these whole-grain ingredients first on the label's ingredient list: brown rice,

bulgar, oatmeal, whole-grain corn, whole oats, whole rye, whole wheat, wild rice, barley or barley flour.

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Pet of the Month

Columbia Humane Society in St. Helens has a variety of wonderful pets available for adoption. Find the pet that's right for you in the shelter at 2084 Oregon St. Monday through Saturday, 11 am. to 5 pm. 503-397-4353



Cheech has had his shots and been altered

Cheech is a wonderful black labrador retriever. He is somewhat shy at first, but once you get to know him he is very sweet and outgoing. He loves to play and would do great in a home with a teenage boy to wrestle with. He has a lot of energy and needs room to run. Cheech also knows how to walk on a leash. Cheech's adoption has been paid for by a generous donor making his adoption free.

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