

Dogs can die from eating salmon

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, *Nanophyetes 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 temperature
- 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.

Humane Society has Yappy Hour

Come out and enjoy the first days of Fall with the Columbia Humane Society and Wayne's Chicago Red Hots! We'll bid adieu to summer this Friday, September 21, 5-8:00 p.m.

Yappy Hour is the time for Owners and their Canine Kids to mix and mingle with new people and their dogs, and support the Columbia Humane Society. Gourmet treats and water are provided for the dogs, while leash holders can enjoy good beer, great "dogs" and raffle prizes. Socializing your dog or contributing to a great cause has never been easier! Basic dog washes will be available for a suggested \$5.00 donation, and doggie massages, courtesy of Posh Pooch Massage, will be available starting at 6:00 p.m.

Wayne's is located at 578420 Old Portland Road in Warren (in the Scappoose Bay Marina). Questions? Call Columbia Humane Society at 503-397-4353, or Wayne's Chicago Red Hots at 503-397-1170.



ed. 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 Poisoning.

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.

Power of the People

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Thank You and Such...

There are several items I would like to touch on in this article, the highlight of which is a big thank you for all the wonderful support we had for our garage sale to benefit our energy assistance program, "Care to Share."

I would like to thank all of those who generously donated items for the sale, all of the staff who donated their time to set up and sort all of the items, and especially those staff members who freely gave of their time for the sale on Saturday. We had a lot more items this year than last, which resulted in raising more funds this year. Last year the garage sale made about \$1,200, which combined with other funds we raised, allowed us to donate \$1,500 from our "Care to Share" project to St. Vincent DePaul for energy assistance. This year our garage sale raised \$1,700, which combined with our other donations will allow us to present a check to St. Vincent DePaul for \$2,000. This was our goal at the beginning of the year, so we are very happy with the results. As always, if anyone else would like to make a donation to our "Care to Share" program that provides energy assistance to those of our members who find themselves in difficult circumstances, you can do so at our front office. All proceeds go directly to help our Co-op members.

As fall sets in and we begin preparations for the changes in weather, we could use your assistance in a couple of areas. The first is a safe-

ty issue regarding burning near or under our power lines. Fall is usually when folks like to burn all of the piles of limbs, paper items, leaves, and such they couldn't burn during the fire alert summer months. Please look up to make sure your burn pile isn't located under or near one of our power lines. This can cause serious problems for you, for us, and possibly for your neighbors if you cause damage to the lines.

The second item is one of asking for you to help be the eyes of the Co-op. When the rains and winds come, tree limbs and trees become heavy from added growth and the weight of the water. The winds blow dead limbs and trees suffering from root rot, down into or across our lines. If you see any tree or limbs on the lines or leaning into the lines, please give us a call so we can send a tree trimming crew or line crew out to take care of the problem. We want to be able to prevent rather than repair a potential power outage problem. Trees and limbs are a major cause of the outages we incur. We appreciate all of the help our members give us in alerting us to problems or potential problems. It saves us all a lot of time and money.

I would like to close this article with this thought; as I see the wonderful generosity and support given by this community to support its own through fund raising efforts, whether it be for those who have been seriously injured or providing help to those less fortunate, and the countless hours and efforts put in by those raising these needed funds and goods, it is both comforting and heart warming to witness and experience human kindness at its best. It restores your faith in humanity and the good there really is in our community. Like any other community we may have our share of struggles, but at the end of the day we also have a lot to be proud of. Together we can and we are making a big difference.

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