

# EAST-WEST ANIMAL HOSPITAL

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## HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!

### If traveling with animals:

Be certain that your pet is accustomed to traveling in a car. If not, try a series of shorter trips to acclimate them to shorter car rides before taking a long one.

Before driving - Feed your pet lightly before beginning the trip, about one third of their normal amount. Save the remainder and feed it once you've reached your destination.

While driving - If the weather is warm, use your air conditioning. Always make sure that air is being circulated frequently. Restrain your pet using a pet seat belt or secured carrier. Never let your pet ride unrestrained in the back of a truck. Don't allow your pet to stick its head out the window. Take breaks at least every three hours to allow your pet to exercise and relieve itself.

During rest stops - Don't allow your pet to run loose at rest areas. A pet can become lost, run into traffic, or get involved in a fight with another animal. If you are getting out to stretch your legs, never leave your pet unattended in the car for any amount of time, especially during warm or cold weather. A car parked in the sun can quickly become overheated and shade moves. Additionally, your pet can become a target for theft. If you want to leave your car for any length of time and cannot bring your pet, contact a local kennel or veterinarian for their day rates.

### Restraining your dog:

Everyone knows that the inside of a car on a hot summer's day can be lethal but your animal does not. Temperatures in Florida can reach above 85 degrees as soon as the sun shows its face. The days where it reaches above this temperature, especially those where high humidity percentages play a factor, are inherently dangerous for your pet. Humidity interferes with animals' ability to rid themselves of excess body heat. When we overheat we sweat, and when the sweat dries it takes excess heat with it. Our four-legged friends only perspire around their paws, which is not enough to cool the body. To rid themselves of excess heat, animals will pant through an open mouth. As this air is moving through the nasal passages, it is picking up excess heat from the animal. As it is expelled through the mouth, the extra heat leaves along with it. Even though this is an effective way to moderate their body temperatures, it is restricted when the animal is confined in small spaces or in situations with high humidity, or both! A hot car on a hot day does not provide the proper amount of circulation to keep your pet's temperature down.

**Sometimes even cracked windows aren't enough!**



### Doggie Treats:

Have you ever thought: "Man, it would be nice to give him something other than bland dog biscuits?" or "He's so hot, I wish I could find something inexpensive to make for him!" Well now East-West Animal Hospital is here to the rescue! We have a few recipes from our clients and staff that are easy to make right in your own kitchen! Here is one for your enjoyment.

### **Doggie Ice Cream**

(1) large container of Plain yogurt (Dr O recommended No Fat)

1 cup Natural Peanut Butter - NO SUGAR

\* Melt the PB in microwave, just get it soft

\* combine melted PB with the yogurt

\* Freeze - ice cube trays, muffin tins or mini-muffin tins

\* once set up, remove from the tray you used and place in a freezer Ziploc bag.

*(From our client Nicole DeVane)*

For other recipes, please visit our Facebook page, and view the "Discussions" tab.



### These guys are ready to go!

East-West now offers D.A.P. and Fel-Away! If you have travelling concerns with your cat or dog, D.A.P. or Fel-Away can soothe even the feistiest animal. Call today to learn more about these wonderful products!

**Signs Your Pet Needs Attention Immediately:**

- Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Unintended weight-loss/gain
- Change in appetite-decreased or increased
- Change in normal activity level:
  - Lethargy
  - Hyperactivity
  - Restlessness
- Limping
- Sudden inability to move back legs or collapse
- Crying when touched
- Clumsy/disoriented behavior
- Seizures
- Any loss of consciousness
- Coughing (especially at night)
- Any difficult or labored breathing
- Any blue, purple, or pale hue to the tongue or gums
- Excessive drooling
- Change in urination:
  - Location
  - Frequency
  - Amount
  - Color
  - Smell
- Straining in the litter box without producing urine
- Panting in a cat
- Bloated abdomen
- Sneezing excessively
- Uncontrolled bleeding from any orifice
- Bruising anywhere
- Any unusual odor or hair loss
- Runny nose, eyes, or squinting



**Pet Odor Eliminator:**

East-West Animal Hospital is pleased to announce that we now carry the full line of Pet Odor Eliminator Products; Including Candles, Air Fresheners and Car Fresheners.

**Rewards:**

The East-West Animal Hospital Rewards Card helps us reward valuable clients like you with products from our hospital and other local retailers, remember one dollar spent is one point. The best part of the program is that you earn **500** points when you refer other clients to our hospital so that they can also receive the highest level of care.



**Urine-Off Cat Formula – Urine-Off Dog Formula**

**Urine-Off:**

East-West Animal Hospital is also pleased to announce that we now carry Urine-Off, A veterinary strength Odor and Stain Removal for Cats and Dogs.

**Pet I.D. Cards:**

East-West Animal Hospital will now be offering Pet I.D. Cards as a bonus for our wonderful furry friends. They are being offered through Vet Street and are free of charge. Next time you stop by our practice, be sure to bring your fuzzy children with you to have their picture taken for their I.D. cards.

**Pet Portal:**

We strongly encourage you to sign up for Pet Portal. It is and quick and easy way to access information about your pets, including lab results, appointment information, and reminders due for your pets. Please visit our website for more information.



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