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# Paws in Print

Brookhaven Animal Rescue League

## Adopt a Shelter Cat Month

In celebration of June being Adopt a Shelter Cat Month, BARL is offering \$10 adoption fees on cats 9 months or older.

Also, two kittens may be adopted for the adoption fee of one - \$75. An additional \$50 is needed if the kitten has not been spayed/neutered. Once you take the kitten for the surgery, the \$50 will be returned to you. BARL pays for the surgery.

Contact Julie at 601-757-1057.



## Send Your “Secret Agent” to Spy Academy

BARL's annual kids camp is set for Monday-Friday, June 26-30, from 9 a.m.- noon at the Exchange Club Park. This year's camp theme is a **Spy Academy** (Agents for Protecting all Creatures).

The camp is geared towards children ages 4-11. All campers must pre-register. The \$75 registration fee includes an official Spy Academy T-shirt, snacks and all activities.

Registration forms are available at PetSense in Brookhaven, BARL's Adoption Center, or online at [www.barl.net](http://www.barl.net). Forms may also be obtained from BARL volunteer and camp director, Bertha Williams, by calling 601-748-6499.

## Why Spay or Neuter Your Pet?

By spaying or neutering your pet, you'll help control the pet homelessness crisis, which results in millions of healthy dogs and cats being euthanized in the United States each year simply because there **aren't enough homes to go around**.

There are also medical and behavioral benefits to spaying (female pets) and neutering (male pets) your animals.

### Here are some of the Medical benefits...

- Your female pet will live a longer, healthier life. Spaying helps prevent uterine infections and breast tumors, which are malignant or cancerous in about 50 percent of dogs and 90 percent of cats. **Spaying your pet before her first heat offers the best protection from these diseases.**
- Neutering your male companion prevents testicular cancer and some prostate problems.



### And Behavioral benefits:

- Your spayed female pet won't go into heat. While cycles can vary, female felines usually go into heat four to five days every three weeks during breeding season. In an effort to advertise for mates, they'll yowl and urinate more frequently—sometimes all over the house!
- Your male dog will be less likely to roam away from home. An intact male will do just about anything to find a mate, including finding creative ways to escape from the house. Once he's free to roam, he risks injury in traffic and fights with other male animals.
- Your neutered male may be better behaved. Unneutered dogs and cats are more likely to mark their territory by spraying strong-smelling urine all over the house. Your dog might be less likely to mount other dogs, people and inanimate objects after he's neutered. Some aggression problems may be avoided by early neutering.

Spaying/neutering your pets is also highly cost-effective. The cost of your pet's spay/neuter surgery is far less than the cost of having and caring for a litter.

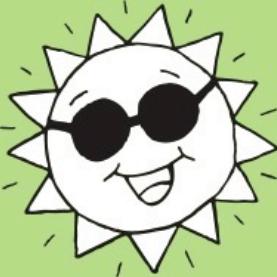
*An article by the ASPCA.*

# Five Summer Dangers for Pets

Spending time outdoors this summer? Keep these safety tips in mind to ensure your furry friends are comfortable.



## Sun & Heat



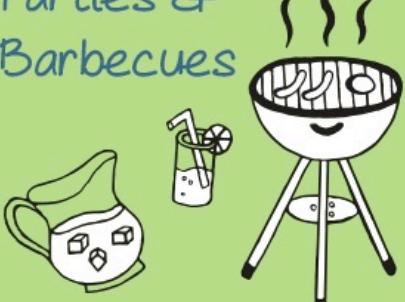
Pets can become dehydrated quickly. **Know the signs of overheating** (excessive panting, increased heart rate and weakness) and make sure your pet has access to fresh water and a shady or air conditioned place.

## Fireworks & Thunderstorms



One in five pets goes missing after being scared by loud noises, so keep them in a quiet, secure area at home. If your pet does go missing, [download the ASPCA app](#) for a free step-by-step toolkit to help find your pet: [ASPCAapp.org](http://ASPCAapp.org)

## Parties & Barbecues



**Make sure your pet can't get into human food** (especially grapes, onion, avocado and chocolate) or alcoholic drinks.

## Hot Cars



Don't leave your pet in the car! Even with the windows cracked, a car's temperature can reach 100° in 10 minutes on an 85° day. Sign our hot car pledge at [aspc.org/hotcars](http://aspc.org/hotcars)

## Toxic Chemicals



Insecticides, insect repellents, sunscreen, citronella products and glow sticks are toxic, so keep them away from your pet.

Hi! My name is Terry. I'm 3 years old. I'm looking for my forever home. I'm house trained and love to sit in your lap for belly rubs. Bath time is my least favorite thing to do. I'm a dachshund mix. If you want to meet me, please come by the BARL Adoption Center.



TERRY  
MALE  
3 YEARS OLD

# Prevent Heartworm Disease

Only one bite from an infected mosquito can give your pet heartworms!

Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease in pets. It is caused by foot-long worms (heartworms) that live in the heart, lungs and associated blood vessels of affected pets, causing severe lung disease, heart failure and damage to other organs in the body.



The good news is that heartworm infestations are completely preventable. Your vet can recommend a preventative — usually a monthly chewable pill — to give your dog so that you'll never have to worry about this deadly disease. Heartworm infestations are diagnosed through a blood test. Contact your veterinarian today to talk to them about heartworm testing and preventative for your pet.

*Excerpts from articles by The Dogington Post and the American Heartworm Society*

## Mississippi Animals are at a high risk of getting heartworms

