What is My Dog Eating!?

Your dog is comfortably wandering through your yard, stopping to sniff a good smell, pounce on a grass hopper, bark at the person walking by with their dog, and then it happens: you witness your dog eating its own waste. EEWWW!

And dogs don't seem to be limited to that - they'll eat another dog's waste, horse or cow manure, or even help themselves to kitty litter. Afterwards, they come running to see you and try to kiss your face. Yes, you should be cringing with disgust. But, believe it or not, there's a reason for this.

Of all the domestic animals, dogs actually have the shortest digestive tract. It is, in fact, too short for them to have time to absorb all of the nutrients they need. Your dog could eat the best food available to them, but between the vitamin and probiotic loss from the food extrusion process (in manufacturing) and their own short digestive tracts, they come up nutrient shy! Besides, it taste like caviar to canines!

How can you stop your dog from eating waste? Stopping waste eating is a very hard thing to do once they've started because they are creatures of habit. The next thing you know, a visit to the kitty litter can become a fun game! First, don't discipline your dog because they're only doing what instinct urges them to do. Instead, manage it by reducing the opportunity. But, in the process of locking away the kitty litter, you'll need to give your dog an alternative source of nutrients.

Find a dog supplement that serves as a multi-vitamin with highly available nutrients to replace what your dog isn't getting from animal waste anymore. Highly-available nutrients are easy to absorb the first time through the dog's digestive tract!

The added bonus? If you get a dog supplement that includes key bacterium controls like selenium yeast and bacillus subtilis, you'll watch those eye infections, ear infections, dry skin and allergies decline, too!

Talk to your veterinarian about what they recommend to help keep your dog from eating such nasty things.
Who Knew? Strange Animal Facts

We all know cats land on their feet and dogs wag their tails when happy. But do you know which animal has hairy eyes or what to call a group of kangaroos? Here’s a list of weird and wild animal facts — from Aardvark to Zebra — and other creatures in between, courtesy of the amazing animal kingdom.

The blue whale is the loudest animal on earth.

Cats do not have collarbones, allowing them to fit in any opening that their head can fit.

Dalmatians are the only breed of dog that suffers from gout.

Most full grown elephants weigh less than a blue whale’s tongue.

A flamingo can’t eat properly unless its head is upside down.

Goats have rectangular pupils. This helps them to spot predators over wide, flat grazing lands.

Honeybees have tiny hairs on their eyes to help them collect pollen.

The impala, a small antelope, is capable of jumping 10 feet in the air when threatened.

Named for its miraculous abilities, the Amazon’s ‘Jesus Christ lizard’ or basilisk, can run over water.

The kiwi bird, native to New Zealand, lays eggs up to half its own weight.

The African mudpuppy, or waterdog, is a type of salamander named for emitting a high-pitched squeaking sound reminiscent of a dog’s bark.

Though the origin of their name is unclear, nurse sharks are nocturnal bottom dwellers that rest daily in large piles of up to forty sharks.

The feathery flightless ostrich’s muscular legs are powerful enough to kill man and lion alike.

All polar bears are left-handed, or rather, left-pawed.

The shaggy, nocturnal sloth bear feeds itself by sucking ants through a gap in its front teeth.

Despite fearsome looks, the tarantula is actually harmless to humans with a venom weaker than that of a bee’s sting.

Vultures are rarely a humorous sight, but most find it chuckle-worthy that some particularly gluttonous vultures eat so much they become too heavy to fly.

A group of kangaroos is called a mob.

Wildebeest calves learn to walk minutes after being born and can keep up with their herd by one-week old.

The 17-foot Xiphactinus Audux was an enormous spiny fish that haunted the Late Cretaceous with an upturned jaw and massive teeth that made it resemble a bulldog.

A tiger’s skin is striped, not its’ fur.

There are more cows than people in the U.S.

White cats with blue eyes are almost always deaf.

All oysters are born males, but may change from gender to gender.

All bats exit left when leaving a cave.

Mosquitoes have 47 teeth.

Cats have over 100 vocal sounds. Dogs only have 10.

It’s possible to lead a cow up stairs, but not down.

Sharks are immune to all known diseases.

Cats were once hired to deliver mail, but were fired when they did not cooperate.

Dolphins can swim and sleep at the same time. They only sleep with half of their brain at a time.

A duck’s quack will not echo.

The bullfrog is the only animal that never sleeps.

A woodpecker can peck 20 times per second.

A hedgehog has a heart rate of 300 beats per minute while a blue whale has a heart rate of 6 beats per minute.

The only two animals that can see behind their body without turning their head is a rabbit and a parrot.

A giraffe has no vocal cords and communicates by vibrating the air around it’s neck.

A rat can last longer without water than a camel.

A Katydid bug hears from holes in their back legs.


P.A.W.S. Rock the Riverfront

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Pets Are Worth Saving

Featuring:
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NEW ALBANY RIVERFRONT AMPHITHEATER
SEPTEMBER 7TH, 6PM-12AM
*ADULT ONLY, MUST BE 21 TO ATTEND
HUMAN PARTY ANIMALS ONLY
ADMISSION $10

The Floyd County Animal Rescue League (FCARL) is very excited to be holding a benefit concert with the Louisville Philanthropic group Cabo Wabo on Saturday, September 7th, at the New Albany Amphitheater. The New Albany Animal Shelter is acting as a support organization for FCARL, just as they so often support us!

This event is being called P.A.W.S. (Pets Are Worth Saving) Rock the Riverfront and it will feature delicious food from JR’s Pub, plenty of beer, and live entertainment by The Rumors and 100% Poly! The Riverfront will be rockin’ from 6PM until Midnight!

They will be needing lots of volunteers! All volunteers (and attendees) do need to be at least 21 years old. There will be two volunteer shifts:
Shift 1: 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Shift 2: 9:00 PM to 12:30 AM
Volunteer opportunities will include:
• Working the door to check IDs, taking money, and handing out armbands
• Selling food/beer tickets
• Serving food
• Helping to set up/tear down

If you are interested in volunteering for this great event, please contact Andie at the FCARL office by email at events@floydcountyanimal.org or at 812-949-9099.

Come Rock the River with us, and help raise money for the homeless animals of Floyd County.

Back to School

It’s back to school for the kids, why not send the dog back too? Whether it’s their first time, or just a refresher course, sign your dog up!

A new session of training classes will be starting in late August or early September. Each session is eight classes long and held on Sunday evenings at Hillside Vet Clinic. Classes cover basic obedience, beginning agility, and basic manners. As a bonus, there is also a K9 First Aid Class, and an introduction to K9 Massage Therapy that can only be found in this class!

The cost for dogs to attend is $65, unless the dog is adopted from us, in which case the cost is only $20.

Come to the shelter to sign up and pay for your spot. Limited spots are available, so contact us today!
Need your Pet Spayed or Neutered?
We can help!
Bimonthly, The S.N.I.P. Clinic and the NAFC Animal Shelter assist in getting your pets altered for a discounted price. Call or visit the Shelter for more information or to sign your animals up!

Happy Tails: Lilo

Lilo is a very sweet lady who was rescued from a puppy mill and gave birth the next day.

After caring for her puppies, she was placed up for adoption. A friend of the family saw Lilo, and called them immediately to take a look at her. As soon as they met her, they knew she was perfect for their family.

Coming from a place of misery, and now being the only dog with four children that love her to pieces, she is one happy girl. She loves to play and cuddle with anyone and everyone! Her foster home even gets to dog sit her sometimes!

Did you adopt a dog from us that is now a very important part of the family? Share your story! You can email it to us at nafcanimalshelter@yahoo to be featured in our newsletter!

Information Corner

Foster Families Needed!

Even though the main rush of "kitten" season is over, the shelter could still use foster families from time to time.

Sometimes animals come in with medical needs where recovery in a foster home is needed. Sometimes, its a litter of nursing puppies or kittens.

Your family can choose which situations you are okay handling and the shelter may contact you for those given situations.

If your family would like to help the shelter save lives, please contact us at the shelter to get involved. You can also email us at Furbabyfoster@yahoo.com for more information.

NAFC ANIMAL SHELTER INFORMATION

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Adoption Prices:

- Cats over 4lbs - $20
- Cats under 4lbs - $60
- Dogs - $80