Summer Fun...Include Your K9

Get inspired to make the most of the season with these ideas for summer bliss with K9 family members and attend our summer dog friendly events!

ADD A SUMMER TWIST TO YOUR REGULAR ROUTINE. We all know dogs like treat-stuffed Kongs, so why not try a simple summer twist? Stuff the Kong (or any food-stuffable dog toy) with whatever stokes your dog—peanut butter, wet dog food, softened kibble, mashed banana—and then pop it in the freezer.

COOL YOUR DOG DOWN. Dogs don’t sweat like people do. Instead they regulate their body temperature through their paws and by panting. Help them keep cool on extra hot days by wetting a bandanna, wringing it out, and then popping it in the freezer to make a cooling icy bandana.

COMBINE TWO OF YOUR DOG’S FAVOURITE THINGS. So simple it’s genius: float treats in a wading pool.

BECOME A MODERN DAY TREASURE HUNTER. Take to the woods—or even an urban park—with your trusty hound, and prepare to have a blast. Create a treasure hunt for your pet, hiding his favorite treats and toys and let the hunt begin.

CREATE A SPLASH ZONE. Some dogs love to play in sprinklers. How do you know if your dog is one of them? Set up a sprinkler and play a game of fetch through it. Some dogs just love it!

DINE OUT WITH YOUR DOG. Summer = restaurant patio season, which means dining al fresco with your dog! Get out of the kitchen and take a stroll with your BFF (that would be best furry friend) to the nearest dog-welcoming spot with outdoor seating. If your dog has questionable table manners, grab some take-out and head to the park instead!

TAKE YOUR DOG ON A DRIVE-IN MOVIE DATE! On July 9th, the shelter will host Dog Daysatthe Drive in! More info inside—

GO CAMPING. Many provincial and state park camp sites allow dogs provided they’re on leash. Check your state or provincial park website for listings of which sites welcome dogs.

START A WALKING GROUP. Set a date, put a call out and get ready to meet new people, make dog friends, Your posting can be weekly or monthly. Let the romping and socializing begin!

HOST A BBQ PARTY. Time outside with the fam and the promise of sneaked bits of meat? Doggie heaven, plain and simple.

HIT THE FARMER’S MARKET. One of our very favourite summer activities is hitting the farmer’s market and returning home with a basket brimming with glorious vegetable bounty.

BE A TOURIST IN YOUR OWN TOWN! A surprising number of historical sites, museums, and art parks are dog friendly, allowing well behaved, leashed dogs to visit.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS:
K9 Cool Off June 11th
Take Your Pet to Work Day June 14th
Dog Days at the Drive In July 9th
K9 Kool Off

The New Albany Animal Shelter understands the importance of spending time with the entire family, dogs included. On June 11th, 2016, from 12-4PM, join us at the corner of State and Market in New Albany – next to the Comfy Cow for the K9 Kool off!

In the busy world we live in, it can be hard enough to find time to spend together, let alone with our K9 friends. The furry members of our families sometimes miss out on all of the fun. Many area businesses now have dog friendly areas to help families bond and stay connected. The Comfy Cow is one of these businesses!

During this event, the Comfy Cow will even have their specialty “Pooch Pops” at half price! The Shelter will also be offering your dog a nice cooling dog bath! You can do it yourself with our supplies, or yours, for $10. If you’d rather sit back and enjoy your own ice cream treat, we will do the bath for you for $12! The P.A.W.S. Mobile Unit will also be in attendance with adoptable animals! Come check them out and find a new buddy!

Mark your calendar now for this fun filled family event! Baths will begin at noon and will continue until 3:30PM! This is a cash only event and dogs must be current on vaccinations and remain on leash at all time.

K9 Kool Off
Ice Cream Social
& Dog Wash
with the New Albany Animal Shelter and Comfy Cow

June 11th, 2016 - 12-4PM

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Our funds are being cut significantly by the County. Please watch our Facebook page and our website for things that you can do to help us continue to serve our community the best we can.
It's that time of year again! On July 9th, the Georgetown Twin Drive-In Theater is opening its gates to four legged family members, allowing dogs on leash to attend for a $2.00 admission fee. All the dog admission fees collected will be donated to the NAFC Animal Shelter.

The Drive-In's main feature will be The Secret Life of Pets! Other additional movies playing have not been announced yet. Besides great movies, several exciting child and dog friendly events are planned. There will be many things for your dog to enjoy including setting up play dates or getting some new fashionable bling, just to name a few. While it is all about fun and games, there will also be opportunities to get your dog microchipped and learn about K9 first aid and CPR. Special concessions like gravy snow cones and dog treat will even be sold just for the dogs to enjoy on their day out!

Booths will be set up by area dog related businesses and adoptable animals from area rescues will be in attendance. The NAFC Animal Shelter's P.A.W.S. Mobile Unit will be available.

There will also be games and crafts for the kids to enjoy as well, even face painting!

Don't forget your cash! The Shelter will be hosting a silent auction at this event! So far we have over $600 in items that will be available, and the donations are still coming in! Some items are restaurant gift certificates, Holiday World, and Cave Tickets! Watch the website as the event gets closer to see what items will be available!

Mark your calendar now for this fun filled family event! Gates open at 6:30pm. Further details and rules for bringing your pet will be available at the Drive-In website: www.georgetowndrivein.com
Happy Tails: Tyrion

"When I think about how Tyrion came in our lives, my heart overflows with joy. Knowing someone purposely threw him away when he was a puppy breaks my heart at the same time.

He survived the streets at four weeks old. He was living in a giant cage at Shelter for another month after that. Although he was safe, he still didn't have a family. When we walked into the shelter, he was the only dog in a room with four large cages. As soon as they opened his cage, it was love at first sight! He hesitantly walked out of the cage, came right to me, & I couldn't put him down!! I turned into Elmyra from TinyToons! There was no doubt about it! He was coming home with us! They told us he was part chow and part German Shepard. We can see they were wrong but that's ok!! Later that night, I was laying on my couch with a giant blanket (because I am always freezing). He laid on my chest, licked my nose, & took a long, deep breath; a sigh of comfort & relief followed as he fell asleep. I know this was a long, sappy story. My point is there are people who own dogs & consider them pets. Then, there are people (like me) who consider their dog(s) their children. We’ve had Tyrion for almost 3 years & he was one of the best spontaneous decisions we’ve ever made!! He's definitely a Belcher"