



# Mill Pond Mingle

July 2017

**Make Your Kennel  
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**AUGUST WEEKENDS  
ARE FILLING UP FAST!**

**Pet Fire Safety**



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WINDOW STICKERS!**



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# WELCOME DR. JILL KULIG, VMD!

Dr. Kulig attended Penn State University for undergraduate studies in Environmental Studies. After graduating, she worked in the field for several years before returning to school for a Veterinary Degree from the University of Pennsylvania. She has practiced both small animal and special species (exotic) medicine since 1995. Although she does not hold any board certifications, she has special interest in Oncology, Dentistry, Internal Medicine, and Hospice Care.

Dr. Kulig uniquely combines some alternative forms of therapy to practice an integrative approach to patient care, particularly to assist those with chronic health conditions. Helping pets remain healthy and active are her main goals, and participating in the health care and human-animal bond of her patients is what makes her job so rewarding.

Dr. Kulig lives in the woods of Green lane, with her family of two-legged and four-legged friends. They all enjoy jogging, hiking, and camping together.

*We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Kulig to our Mill Pond family!*

Dr. Kulig and Dr. Thayer have known each other since attending school together, and she already feels like part of the family :)

## PANCREATITIS

The pancreas has many functions, including the production and secretion of digestive enzymes and the production of insulin. Digestive enzymes are critical for the absorption of food. Insulin aids in the control of the metabolism and blood-sugar levels. **Pancreatitis** refers to “inflammation of the pancreas.” When the pancreas becomes inflamed, digestive enzymes that are normally inactive until they reach the small intestine become activated in the pancreas instead, resulting in pain and swelling as the pancreas actually begins to digest itself. Dogs with chronic pancreatitis may have less severe symptoms, but because the condition is chronic, the long-term impact can be more severe.

There are many suggested **causes** of pancreatitis including obesity, high-fat diets, liver disease, certain medications, toxins, and infection. Even if your dog doesn’t normally eat a high-fat diet, the introduction of a large amount of fatty food all at once can cause pancreatitis. The miniature schnauzer, miniature poodle, and cocker spaniel are more susceptible to pancreatitis than other breeds, as are pets that are older, overweight, and females. Dogs that get into garbage are much more likely to develop pancreatitis, so be sure to keep trash out of your dog’s reach!

Your veterinarian will take a complete history and perform a thorough physical exam of your pooch. Additionally, diagnostic tests will be required to identify if your pet has acute pancreatitis. Treatment may include medications, fluids and/or hospitalization, and some testing may need to be repeated to ensure the best outcome.

To prevent pancreatitis, pay attention to your pet’s diet and weight, and be sure to keep lines of communication with your veterinarian open!

## PANCREATITIS: WHAT TO WATCH FOR

Dogs with pancreatitis will often stop eating and drinking because of the pain associated with this disease.

Other symptoms you may see are:

[Upset stomach](#) and abdominal pain

- Swollen abdomen
- Abnormal posture; arching of the back
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Lethargy
- Fever
- Restlessness
- ♥ Gagging



# PET FIRE SAFETY American Red Cross



*RedCross.com Pet Fire Safety  
with a couple of additions by MPV*

Home fires are the most common disaster that the American Red Cross responds to – and also the most preventable. According to the [United States Fire Administration](#), an estimated 500,000 pets are affected annually by fires.

- The best way to protect your pets from the effects of a fire is to include them in your family plan. This includes having their own disaster supplies kit as well as arranging in advance for a safe place for them to stay if you need to leave your home.
- When you practice your escape plan, practice taking your pets with you. Train them to come to you when you call.
- In the event of a disaster, if you must evacuate, the most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to evacuate them, too. But remember: never delay escape or endanger yourself or family to rescue a family pet.

## Help Firefighters Help Your Pets

- ⇒ Keep pets near entrances when away from home. Keep collars on pets and leashes at the ready in case firefighters need to rescue your pet. When leaving pets home alone, keep them in areas or rooms near entrances where firefighters can easily find them.
- ⇒ Affix a pet alert window cling to a front window and write down the number of pets inside your house (*available at the front desk!*). This critical information saves rescuers time when locating your pets, *it also helps to attach a card with pet names and locations*. Make sure to keep the number of pets listed on them updated.

## Prevent Your Pets from Starting Fires

The National Fire Protection Association estimates that nearly 1,000 home fires each year are accidentally started by the homeowners' pets. The American Kennel Club and ADT Security Services have joined forces to provide the following tips:

- **Extinguish Open Flames** - Pets are generally curious and will investigate cooking appliances, candles, or even a fire in your fireplace. Ensure your pet is not left unattended around an open flame and make sure to thoroughly extinguish any open flame before leaving your home.
- **Remove Stove Knobs** - Be sure to remove stove knobs or protect them with covers before leaving the house - a stove or cook top is the number one piece of equipment involved in your pet starting a fire.
- **Invest in Flameless Candles** - These candles contain a light bulb rather than an open flame, and take the danger out of your pet knocking over a candle. Cats are notorious for starting fires when their tails turn over lit candles.
- **Secure Young Pets** - keep them confined away from potential fire-starting hazards when you are away from home, such as in crates or behind baby gates in secure areas.



# HEAT Avoiding Heat Exhaustion & Heat Stroke

Dogs and cats cannot perspire, and can only dispel heat by panting, and through the pads on their feet. If you suspect heat stroke in your pet, seek veterinary attention immediately.

*\*\*if you own a short-nosed breed, such as a bulldog, Pug, etc, or a large heavy-coated breed, or a dog with heart or respiratory problems, be aware that they are at higher risk for heat stroke!*

**#1 Priority**  
**ALWAYS have**  
**Fresh WATER**  
**AVAILABLE**  
**for your pets**

## What to Watch For

- ∞ Body temp 104° or higher
- ∞ excessive panting
- ∞ Glazed eyes
- ∞ red or sticky or dry tongue and gums
- ∞ Difficulty breathing
- ∞ Staggering or Stupor
- ∞ Excessive thirst
- ∞ Excessive drooling
- ∞ Seizures
- ∞ Bloody diarrhea or vomiting
- ∞ Rapid heartbeat

## WHAT TO DO

- ⇒ Take your pet to the veterinarian immediately
- ⇒ Move your pet to a shaded or air conditioned area
- ⇒ apply ice packs or cold towels to the head, neck and chest, or run cool (*Not cold*) water over those areas
- ⇒ Give small amounts of water, or let them lick ice cubes
- ⇒ Use a fan to cool them down
- ⇒ Wet the foot pads and groin area with rubbing alcohol

To help prevent heat related issues,  
consider a trim or grooming (but no shaving)  
When possible, take several shorter walks,  
instead of one or two long walks

## PAVEMENT

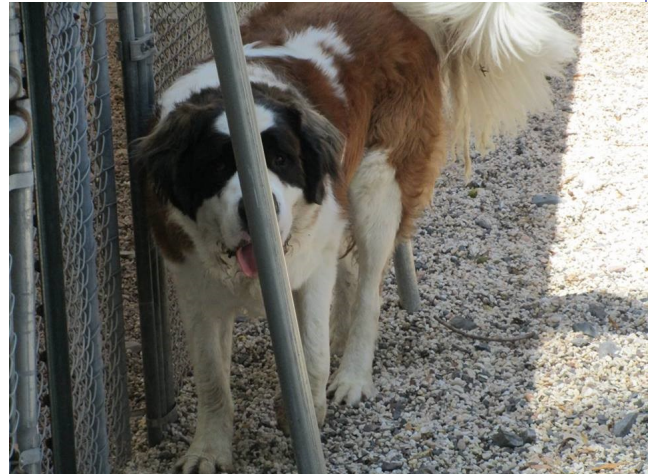
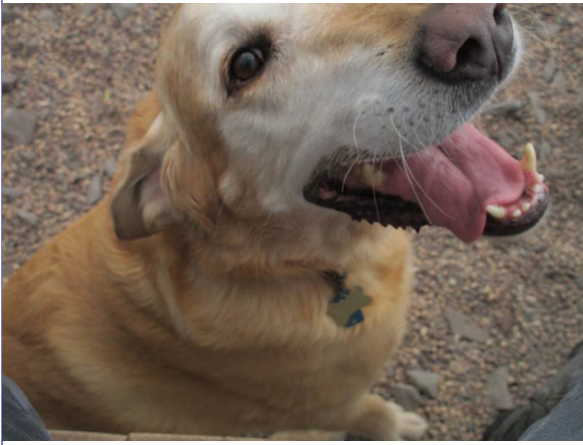
**Air Temp    Asphalt Temp\***

77°F    125°F  
86°F    135°F  
87°F    143°F

*\* in the sun, with low winds*

## IN THE CAR

Outside °F	Inside °F	
	10 min	30 min
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°



Learn something New in **July**

## **PET FIRE SAFETY** Day **NATIONAL MUTT/MIXED BREED DOG** Day



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### **REMINDER**

**Policy Change!**  
**People desiring a Kennel Tour, and**  
**Dogs coming to our Daycare for the first time**  
**Must make an appointment!**

Growth is a beautiful thing! Unfortunately, there is truth to the notion of "growing pains" and we are feeling the pain of wishing to serve you when it is convenient for you, and needing to provide appropriate attention to the animals you have placed in our care. We have been experiencing a surge in both tours and new daycare dogs, and we will not allow our care for your dogs to decline.

Please understand our need to require appointments for tours, so that we can adjust our schedules to best accommodate you, while maintaining the care of pets staying with us.

For new daycare dogs, it helps to be aware ahead of time so that we can plan play groups accordingly. Introducing new dogs is very different from grouping those who already know one another.

## **Mill Pond, your full service Vet Clinic & Kennel**

### **Medical Services**

*by Appointment Only*  
Mon - Sat

Veterinarian Appts,  
Surgery, Dental  
Diagnostic Imaging,  
PennHip Testing  
Small Animal Rehab,  
Stem Cell Therapy,

### **Daycare:**

*No Appointment Needed*  
Mon - Sat  
8:00 am - 6:00 pm

### **Boarding**

*By Appointment Only*  
Drop-off/Pick up  
Mon - Sat  
9:00 - 12noon or 3:00-6:00pm  
Sun 4:00 - 6:00 pm

### **Training**

*By Appointment Only*  
Puppy Training  
Private Lessons  
Group Obedience Classes  
Agility Training

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