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# Poooh Busters Newsletter!

## Yee Haw!! Kick up your paws and have some Calgary Stampede fun!

Well here we are in the middle of our beautiful and very hot summer. Its Stampede time again, so be sure to get out there and join in the festivities of the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth! Our favourite part of the Stampede is the SuperDogs show! If you don't do anything else this July, at least be sure to get down to the Grounds and watch the Superdogs in action!

### Poooper of the Month

Poooh Busters is proud to present Chevy as July's Poooper! He is a loveable German Shepherd who is sure to warm your heart! Be sure to check him out in the Feature section of our website!

( [www.pooohbusters.com/poooper7.htm](http://www.pooohbusters.com/poooper7.htm) )



### It's Hot, Hot, HOT!

We covered this topic last year about this time but I wanted to be sure to remind folks of the dangers of summer heat on our pets. These helpful tips were provided by the Calgary Humane Society's "Simon Says" newsletter:

- Always provide your pet with plenty of fresh water.
- Short-haired pets and those with pink skin and white hair are especially susceptible to sunburn. Ensure they have shelter and limit their exposure.
- Not all dogs know how to swim. Please don't just throw your dog in, positive encouragement works much better. If your dog despises water, he will sink like a stone. If that's the case, skip the swimming lessons altogether and relax in the shade instead.
- Barbecue season is here and you may be tempted to treat your dog to a nice bone. Resist this temptation as it could be hazardous to his health.
- Never leave your pet unattended in the car, even with the windows partly rolled down. In no time at all, the temperature in the car can become like an oven. While it's true that most dogs love car rides, and you love having them with you, it's not worth the risk of your dog suffering from heat stroke.

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### Did You Know?

That certain kind of chewing gum can be poisonous to dogs? Me either! It was recently discovered that several popular brands contain a sweetener called [xylitol](#). Xylitol can cause dangerously low blood sugar in dogs. It also has been linked to liver damage. Also statistics show that chewing gum is just one of three top poisons that dogs are brought into the vet's office for. The other two are chocolate and rat/mouse poisons.

If you suspect that your pet has consumed any poisonous product, contact a veterinarian immediately. Acting quickly can help to prevent serious consequences. If possible, always bring the packaging from the product that was consumed, as well as any remaining product to the veterinarian's office when you seek treatment. This will help the vet to positively identify the type and amount of toxin consumed. Remember, however, that the best way to keep your pet safe from poisons is to make sure he or she does not have access to them in the first place.

Well that's it for another edition of the Poooh Busters newsletter, see you next month. Same dog time, same dog channel!