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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

The third Saturday of every month from 11am until 3 pm we will be offering:

- Rabies - \$10.00
- Distemper - \$8.00
- Distemper w/ Lepto - \$16.00
- Bordetella - \$8.00
- Feline Leukemia/FIV Test - \$30.00
- Heartworm Test - \$24.00
- Microchip - \$25.00

Also offering Sentinel for heartworm preventative.

Cats must be brought in carriers and dogs must be leashed!

**Always Hope Animal Rescue**

Every Saturday - 11:00am to 3:00pm  
Every animal adopted will receive 10% OFF what ever supplies they need and a Free 5# or 8# bag of pet food.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**When you purchase...**

A case of canned cat or dog food of the same brand, size and flavor, you get 3% off.

6 bags of cat or dog food of the same brand, size and flavor, you get 6% off.

12 bags of cat or dog food of the same brand, size and flavor, you get 10% off.

**TASTE OF THE WILD - The balanced diet that nature intended.**

Years of domestication have turned your pets from fierce predator to best friends. However, modern science proves that your dog or cat still share the DNA of the wolf or wild cat. Taste of the Wild Brand Dog and Cat food offers your pet a diet dictated by his genes. It provides your pet with the kind of natural, balanced diet that he could find "in the wild."

Now you can satisfy your dog or cat's instinctual cravings with Taste of the Wild. Choose from High Prairie Canine with Roasted Bison & Roasted Venison, Pacific Stream Canine with Smoked Salmon, Wetlands Canine with Roasted Fowl and Rocky Mountain Feline with Roasted Venison & Smoked Salmon.

Made with real roasted meats and supplemented with fruits and vegetables, these grain-free formulas provide a superior taste sensation, highly digestible energy and natural antioxidants to support a healthy immune system and overall health. Your pets crave a taste of the wild. Go ahead and give them one.

**No Grain** - Natural grain-free formula with vitamins and minerals offers your pet nutrition for health and vitality.

**All Life-Stages Nutrition** - Formulated to meet the nutritional needs of your pet throughout all stages of life, from puppy or kitten to senior years.

**Protein Blend For Optimal Amino Acid Profile** - Amino acids are the building blocks for a healthy body. Multiple protein sources ensure that adequate building blocks are available to meet your pet's needs. Ocean fish meal provides the added benefit of marine source omega-3 fatty acids, important for a healthy immune system, healthy skin and a shiny coat.

**Digestive Support System** - Dried chicory root is a natural fiber that helps support a healthy digestive system. Fermentation products and extracts also contribute to healthy digestion and overall good health.

**Antioxidants** - Antioxidants protect your pet's body from damaging free radicals. Fruits and vegetables provide natural antioxidants and guaranteed levels of zinc, vitamin E and selenium help support optimal cellular health.

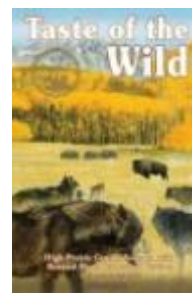
**Omega Fatty Acid Blend** - Omega-6 and Omega-3 fatty acids work together to help maintain healthy skin and a shiny coat as well as overall good health.

**Sweet Potatoes** - A power packed vegetable! Rich in dietary fiber, vitamins A and C, iron, calcium and beta carotene, this is one ideal complex carbohydrate source that provides all day energy.

**Blueberries & Raspberries** - Berries are packed with powerful antioxidants to help keep the body healthy as the days go by.

**Tomatoes & Tomato Pomace** - Natural sources of antioxidants and vegetable fiber to help support overall good health.

**Chelated Minerals** - During the digestion process, minerals are attached to proteins for absorption from the digestive tract. We include proteinates in our recipe to help promote easy absorption for optimal mineral nutrition.



## Overweight Dog? Cat?

### Why is weight a concern?

Excess weight and obesity in dogs and cats can lead to many health problems including: diabetes, increased risk of cancer, damage to joints, bones and ligaments, decreased stamina, heat intolerance and most important an overall decreased quality of life.



### How do I know if my dog or cat is overweight?

Look and feel..... You should easily be able to see or feel the ribs, spine, and pelvic bones. The belly is rounded when viewed from the side. Your pet may lack energy and general playfulness.

### What are the solutions for overweight pets?

Like with people there are many ways to lose weight, but the best way is to embrace an overall healthy lifestyle. A healthy lifestyle for your pet should include the following:

**1. The Right Food** Healthy food is defined by their ingredients. Feeding formulas that are higher in quality proteins and lower in carbohydrates, provides your dog or cat a diet that is closer to what their ancestors would have eaten in the wild. These diets can be achieved in several ways:

**Grain Free Kibbles** - Dogs and cats are not designed to digest carbs, thus carbs are easily converted to fat. Whereas protein cannot be stored so what is not used simply passes through the body.

**Raw Foods and Canned Foods** - provide high levels of quality meat protein and introduce additional moisture into the diet, which can help your dog or cat feel more satisfied. Like in people, better ingredients help satisfy the hunger longer and provide more energy.

**2. Healthy Treats** it is the foods between meals that add the pounds. Choose healthy treats.  
• Look for treats that are meat based and lower in calories.

**3. Regular Exercise** Walks, play time, tricks, time outdoors will curb the hunger and burn calories.

**4. The Right Size Servings & Feed Twice Per Day** It may seem like common sense, but it works. Don't over feed, follow the food recommended serving levels, & feed your pet twice per day.

These are practical tips, but in the case of serious concerns it is recommended that you visit your veterinarian.

## Dear Dogs and Cats:

The following was found posted very low on a refrigerator door.

Dear Dogs and Cats:

The dishes with the paw prints are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Racing me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort, however. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other, stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out on the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is no secret exit from the bathroom! If, by some miracle, I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge in an attempt to open the door. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years - canine/feline attendance is not required.

The proper order for kissing is: Kiss me first, and then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough.

Finally, in fairness, dear pets, I have posted the following message on the front door:

TO ALL NON-PET OWNERS WHO VISIT AND LIKE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT OUR PETS:

1. They live here. You don't.
2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. That's why they call it 'fur'-niture.
3. I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
4. To you, they are animals. To me, they are adopted sons/daughters who are short, hairy, walk on all fours and don't speak clearly.

Remember, dogs and cats are better than kids because they:

1. Eat less.
2. Don't ask for money.
3. Normally come when called.
4. Never ask to drive the car.
5. Don't need a gazillion dollars for college.