



# Mini Doodler



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## Summer Doods



## Pretty, Poisonous Flowers

Summertime is upon us and outdoor activities are swinging into full gear. There are dangers in your own yard that you may not be aware exist. Those colorful, beautiful flowers blooming in their glory can be a dangerous, and even deadly problem for your dog. Some flowers will only cause stomach upset, but others like the daffodil's bulb can actually cause seizures, heart failure and even death. It's a good idea to determine what flowers are in your yard before you have a problem. The following are common flowers that may be in your yard or along trails.

Amaryllis, crocus, buttercup, calla lily, Christmas rose, chrysanthemum, daffodil, Easter lily, foxglove, hyacinth, iris, jessamine, morning glory, narcissus, peony, periwinkle, primrose, and tulip.



### WATER SAFETY

When you think of water safety for your dog, you probably think of something like having him wear a life jacket when out boating. Unfortunately, there are many more water safety precautions to be aware of during the warmer months.

Drinking or swimming in salt water can lead to ingesting sea lice and then to severe itching, or to jellyfish stings causing pain and swelling.

Drinking pool water with all its chemicals can lead to stomach upset.

Fishing with a dog has been

known to lead to the swallowing of fish hooks and poisonous fish bait.

One danger a lot of people are not aware of is a tiny little parasite that thrives in stagnant water such as ponds and small lakes. Giardia. This nasty little parasite can cause some major problems for you and your dog. You probably won't be aware that there is an issue until your dog begins experiencing, diarrhea, vomiting, possibly some weight loss, and excessive gas. Giardia is a very common problem with dogs, and the #1 cause of diarrhea and intestinal issues.

A deadly danger, again found in stagnant water, is a type of algae called blue-green algae.

Ingesting just a small amount can kill your dog within an hour. Keeping your dog away from stagnant water when out boating or hiking is extremely important.

Carrying along clean water for your dog when you are out around the water is very important. It is the best measure you can take to prevent him from wanting a drink from the water you are playing in or around that might harbor dangerous bacteria or parasites.

Plan your water activities carefully when including your dog. He's your best friend. Be his, too.

## Doggie Popsicle Treats

- 32 oz. vanilla yogurt
  - 1 mashed banana or one large jar of baby fruit
  - 2 T. peanut butter
  - 2 T. honey
- Blend all together and freeze in 3 ounce paper cups or ice cube trays. Microwave just a few seconds before serving.



## June's New Members

### Pet Members:

Carol MacDonald  
Christin Robison  
Debra McLean  
Eileen S. Pittle  
Heidi Lewis

Joanna Balzer  
Jonathan Stein and Lisa Popowich  
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