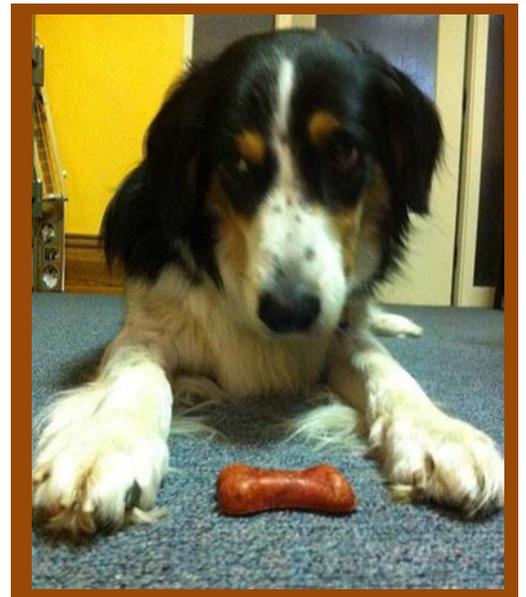


CLANCY'S CLICHES

Yabba-dabba-do-dogs! Look at me on the front page again all sprawled out on a hot humid 100+ afternoon! These Dog Days of Summer are fur the birds! And yet, it creates an opportunity for a change of routine.

For example, many of you are active and going out and about since there are lots of hours of sunlight to get things accomplished. It's great to go outside for my nap, but the hot summer sun can give me a noseburn and make me feel overheated—especially since my black hair absorbs the sun. Just call me a hot doggie! Over time, too much napping in the sun and I might get so wrinkly I'll be mistaken for a Shar pei! Ugh. (Yes, dogs say "ugh" too, but often mistaken for a belch!) Humans can avoid the burn with SPF 15 or higher sunscreen. If your nose—or anyplace else—happens to get burned, you humans can get some relief by putting on cold compresses and taking aspirin for the slight swelling and pain. Dogs just sleep it off.



Here are some other hints for these last few Dog Days of Summer:



Nap inside during the hottest hours of the day and venture out in the early or late hours when the sun is less hot.



Wear your lightest color fur coat—ehr—rather clothing for you humans. Black absorbs heat and white reflects it.



Fill up your water bowl and drink plenty of liquids. (Ask someone to fill up the treat bowl, too!)
Very Important!



Protect your cute little doggie eyes. Even they can get sunburned!

And don't forget about those arf-all summer pests. Flies, bees, skeeters, and the dreaded flea!

🎵 Summertime and the stingin' is easy! 🎵

(Oh-boy, Oh-boy did you know I love to sing? I'm no Howlin' Wolf but sure enjoy it! I also enjoy listening to Poochini on my iPawd.) Anyway, so please...no need to pet me if you've just lathered up with some sweet-smelling floral hand lotion. I'll be "bugged" to death!

On another note, 🎵 people enjoyed my "fsh" joke so much last month here's one for this month that is not only fun, but helps in understanding your own favorite poochie! Why does a dog turn around three times before lying down?

CLANCY'S JOKE ANSWER: Because "one good turn deserves another"!

Howlin' is hootin'; Growlin's not gooten! - Clancy

Disclaimer Requirement: As usual, I'm supposed to say that the comments and opinions in this column are not necessarily those of the pastor! Don't know why...most readers say they read my column first!

LODL (lots of dog laughs)!!!!