

SAND RUN PHARMACY

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The great weather this summer has brought out a pesky plant in full force, **poison ivy**. Often described as a small, three-leaved plant, it can lead to red, itchy skin for those allergic to it. The culprit in the plant is its oil, called urushiol, which is sticky and non-drying, allowing it to cling and stick to objects easily. Because of this, you do not have to touch the plant to get exposed. Many people are exposed to it after touching a pet who has it on their fur.

What do you do if you come in contact with poison ivy? It is best to wash the affected area well with warm, soapy water within 10 minutes of exposure. Products like Zanfel remove the urushiol oil better than regular soap by binding to the oil and

making it inactive. It is important to remove the oil, as it can stay active for up to 2 years, potentially allowing for new outbreaks. It is only possible to get new breakouts from skin exposed to the oil, not from blisters “oozing.” Most people who scratch move remaining oil to unexposed areas of their body, causing a new itchy patch.

If you were unable to prevent a breakout and notice some itchy, red areas with possible blisters, there are some over the counter products to alleviate the symptoms. Oral Benadryl helps lower your body’s response allergic response and can make the itching less intense. Topical steroids like hydrocortisone cream and oatmeal baths can also be used to ease the itching. Other topical agents such as calamine lotion or Ivy Dry help dry the blisters, alleviating the itch and resolving the blisters quicker than without treatment. Typical treatment can last up to 14 days.

If the rash covers greater than 25% of the body, is on the face, or was potentially inhaled due to

burning the plant, you should seek medical treatment immediately as oral steroid treatment may be required.

Of course, prevention is preferred. If you believe you are going to be near poison ivy, it is best to cover skin with clothing. Vinyl gloves are resistant to the oil, however rubber gloves are not. Products such as Ivy Block also help prevent the oil from sticking to your skin.

At Sand Run Pharmacy, we carry the name brand products as well as Good Neighbor Pharmacy products, providing the same medication at less cost to you. If you have any questions feel free to stop by or call us! We are always glad to help.



Palliative Care for Pets



Palliative Care, or “end-of-life care,” is becoming a more common treatment option offered to pets. As they continue to live longer, they are at increased risk of developing diseases common to humans, including diabetes, arthritis, heart disease, kidney and liver disease, and cancer. Although medications are available to help ease symptoms, it is not always the easiest to administer these medications. At Sand

Run Pharmacy, we care for our four-legged friends as much as we do our two-legged ones. We will work hard to find a way to make administration easier, including flavoring a medication. Depending on the medicine, we can bypass your pet’s picky tastebuds by compounding a topical cream that allows the drug to absorb through their skin. So, please keep us in mind for all of your pet’s medication needs, and we’ll work hard to keep you and your pet satisfied.



Why Do You Choose Sand Run Pharmacy?

“Sand Run Pharmacy offers an invaluable service to customers who own pets both cats and dogs, etc.

In addition to dispensing prescriptions from a Veterinarian in pill form, the Pharmacy will also take the prescription and compound it into a liquid form with a variety of flavors. The syringe is pre-marked to ensure proper dosage. The liquid form is much easier to administer to the resistant pet.

There is another pet service for the pet who has side effects to the medicine in pill or liquid form or simply for ease of administering. The prescription is formulated into a topical gel that is rubbed into the inner ear and absorbed into their system. It is dispensed in pre-filled syringes with written instructions on how to use it. We are currently have two cats utilizing the topical gel and it works well.

Over the years we have used all the above methods many times and we highly recommend pet owners avail themselves of this service.

Thank you Sand Run Pharmacy!!”

-Fleeta B.

Email why you like us at rx50@aol.com!

Interesting Health Fact of the Month

Bananas works as a natural antacid in the body, so if you suffer from heartburn, try a banana for soothing relief.



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List of Events

July 27th-6pm
Akron Children’s Palliative Care Center’s
10th Birthday
Akron Civic Theater
Call 330-543-8340 for questions

Parkinson’s Exercise Group Health and
Smiles
Every 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Monday
4pm
Altercare Cuyahoga Falls
Call 330-929-4231 for information

August 5th
Summit Mall Pet Expo
Call 330-952-1208 for more information