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Compost and our pets:

By Dr. Bronwyn Chisholm

Although composting is an amazing way to dispose of unwanted materials, there is a little known-toxin that can also thrive in composts: *Penicillium crustosum*. If our dogs (usually cats are a little more discerning in their preferences for tasty morsels!) develop a taste for compost waste, they can ingest this toxin which causes severe tremors and seizures. The next time you cross paths with Dr. Leigh, ask him about the case he treated when we were practicing rural veterinary medicine out west! All's well that ends well as Dr. Leigh was successfully able to get the patient through the toxicity to a full recovery. That said, treatment is supportive once symptoms develop, there is no antidote, and so the best remedy is simply ensuring that our furry friends do not get into the compost bin.

For more seasonal toxins info, go to <https://seasonsvetclinic.com/pet-health-resources/pet-health-articles/articles/?rid=13810>



Fall Promotion:

For the months of October and November (ending Nov. 30th), receive 10% off any orders placed on Season's online store. Simply go to our website (www.seasonsvetclinic.com) click on "Order Online", create an account to see prices and add-to-cart, and enter the promo code: **Fall2021** to receive your discount. Orders are delivered in 1-2 business days to the clinic, and we'll call you when they are ready to be picked up. There are hundreds of items available, from prescription diets to supplements, treats and toys. Happy browsing!

TRIVIA CORNER

To be eligible, you must be a client and cannot have won within the previous 6 months.

1. What is the name of the toxin that can grow in compost and cause illness in our pets?
2. What are some other species that can become sick from this toxin?
3. Which cat breeds were crossed to result in the Toyger?

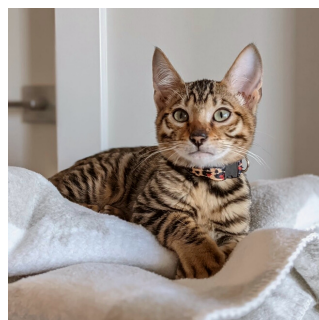


Last Month's winner:

Congratulations to Clara and her people who won the September newsletter prize! Isn't Clara beautiful?!

BREED OF THE MONTH: THE TOYGER CAT!

Meet Tequila (pictured right and below), our beautiful Toyger patient! Toygers originated from the crossing of a Bengal with a domestic short hair, eventually resulting in the striking and unique patterning, mimicking those of a tiger. They have a wonderful, playful and intelligent personality. Here is what Tequila's humans have to say about their handsome fella:



"Tequila is such a fun, active, and friendly kitten! True to his breed, he's the most "dog-like" cat I've ever encountered. He likes to rough and tumble with other puppies, loves playing in water, and would much rather be in the action than be left alone. He's so loving and we are so lucky to have him!"

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