

# Puppy Love

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*SPRING  
is the  
Season for...*

**Things that Bite:** The most formidable enemy to every dog is the mosquito. They are absolute killers to be taken seriously! Their bite can lead to heartworm disease which is deadly for a dog. Seek preventive care for this daunting pest from your veterinarian before your dog becomes a victim of this deadly predator. Treatments are available in a pill or by injection. Don't forget fleas and ticks. Ticks can cause Lyme disease, paralysis and anemia. Fleas can lead to Flea Allergy Dermatitis and tapeworm. Use preventive care to eliminate these two pests.

**Things that Sting:** Bee and wasp stings usually only cause localized irritations and pain. But, if a dog is highly allergic to these stings it can cause anaphylactic shock that can lead to death! Seek medical care immediately if your dog does not recover quickly from a sting. Ask your vet how you can provide immediate treatment for a future allergic reaction to a sting.

**Things that Hop:** When a toad feels threatened it emits a highly toxic chemical that is poisonous to a dog. So, if a dog attacks a toad out of curiosity, or as prey, he is going to get the poisonous treatment. Not all toads are lethal to dogs but some are deadly.

**Things that Crawl:** There are twenty species of venomous snakes in North America, and they are found in every state except Alaska, Hawaii and Maine. It does not require face-to-face contact for a snake to attack, some can strike as far as half of their own body length if they feel threatened. Snake bites require medical intervention, a rattlesnake bite is the most lethal.

**Things that Float:** The soft gentle breezes of spring carry pollen from grass, trees, bushes and weeds everywhere. Although allergies to pollen is not life threatening, it can make your dog miserable. Dogs allergic to pollen will excessively lick, bite and scratch themselves for relief. Wipe paw pads with vinegar to remove pollen. Seek medical intervention for appropriate treatment.



Frankie is enjoying a beautiful spring day with his wonderfully amazing family in Atlanta, Georgia.



## About those BEES...

The painful injection of venom from a bee lasts for two minutes. Once the stinger is removed the pain will pass. But, do NOT use tweezers to remove the stinger. When you squeeze on the stinger it will inject the remaining venom into its victim. Use a credit card to scrape the stinger out.

*Life is simply incomplete  
without the love of a dog.*