



# SOAPS

Sweet Onion Animal Protection Society

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"God made the cat in order that man might have the pleasure of caressing the tiger." - **Fernand Mery**

## DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

**S.O.A.P.S MEETING 7 PM** – Third Monday of the month: Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19

### Jewelry Sale to Benefit SOAPS January 16th

January 16<sup>th</sup> all day - [www.threescoopsofvanilla.com](http://www.threescoopsofvanilla.com). When you purchase any of the jewelry on this website, Sweet Onion Animal Protection Society will get 25% of the proceeds. \*\*\*\*\*Also, there is a special made SOAPS bracelet. SOAPS will get 50% of the proceeds from this bracelet. *This is a one day event.* Please spread the word to all of your contacts. The proceeds will be used to provide vetting, supplies, transport, etc. to save homeless shelter dogs and cats from several southeast Georgia counties/cities. If you have any questions, please email me at [ccox@jd hosp.org](mailto:ccox@jd hosp.org) or call 912)539-4785. **NOT TOO EARLY TO BUY VALENTINE PRESENTS OR JUST TREAT YOURSELF!**



**SOAPS 3rd Annual "Spay-ghetti Dinner"**  
**Tuesday, February 28, 2012 5:00-9:00 PM**  
**At the Vidalia Community Center**  
**Entertainment by Sam's Drive-In**  
**We will have a Silent Auction – need items.**

## Top 10 Household Pet Dangers

by *Lee Wyatt* - [pet.tips.net](http://pet.tips.net)

It may surprise people, but the greatest threat to their pet is not the outside world, but the everyday items around the home.

- **Chemicals.** Everyday household cleaners can poison, harm or kill a pet. Imagine your pets are like children and that they can get into *anything*. Just as you would lock everything down when you have kids in the house, you should do the

same thing when it comes to having pets in the home.

- **Garbage.** If you have a pet, then you should also have garbage cans that have locking lids. This keeps [the pets](#) from being able to access spoiled food, bones and other types of things that they should not get into.
- **Human Food.** One of the things that can harm almost any pet is through eating human food. Chocolate in particular is particularly hazardous (possibly fatal) to pets if they get their jaws into it. People food is for people, and [pet food](#) is for pets. The safest route is to keep your pets on a proper diet.
- **Medication.** Don't leave old medication lying around. A vast majority of medicine that is meant for human consumption can be harmful to your pets.
- **Dryer.** Particularly with cats, the dryer is a favorite place to take a nap. If an owner isn't careful, they could accidentally end up putting Fluffy through a drying cycle. After using the dryer, just be sure that you have closed all the doors.
- **Electrical Cords.** [Cats](#) like to play with things that dangle, and let's face it—electrical cords dangle. When these things become [chew](#) toys, then there is the chance (a pretty good one) that they can be electrocuted. Keep an eye on them.
- **Outdoors.** Even if your pet wants to spend time in the great outdoors, it is not the place for indoor pets. Such things as the weather, other animals (including large predators, if you live in rural areas) and vehicles are all a danger to your pet. Only let your pet outside in carefully controlled circumstances.
- **Other Pets.** Believe it or not, if your pets don't get along with each other, then they could cause each other great harm. Before bringing in any [new pet](#), you should check to make sure that they can get along with each other. Since pets can become a member of the family, it's always a good idea to check with *all* family members before they have to put up with a new member.