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WANT TO PROTECT YOUR POOCH?

Every year, there are heartbreaking stories of dogs getting bitten by poisonous snakes. There are four species of such reptiles in Texas – cottonmouths, copperheads coral snakes and rattlesnakes -- and all four live around Austin.

If taken to a veterinarian quickly enough, most snake bit dogs survive. Sadly, some succumb. Snakebite antivenin treatment is also quite expensive, but most dog owners consider their dogs as family.

There are alternatives. One is “Snake Avoidance.” To humans, that means don’t stumble through high weeds or rock piles carelessly, especially after dark. To dogs, it should mean being treated by a professional to learn what a snake looks, smells and sounds like. That’s why it’s called “Snake Avoidance.”

The Austin Woods and Waters Club is hosting a snake avoidance clinic as a public service on Saturday, August 10 in the Catfish Parlour parking lot at 11910 Research Blvd. (Hwy. 183-North) from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.

The clinic will be conducted by the Winter family as originated by the late Harlan Winter, one of the early pioneers of the method, using a live copperhead, cottonmouth and a rattlesnake. Cost is \$60/dog for exposure to one snake, and \$60 for each of the other two, if desired.

All dogs must be leashed. Catfish Parlour is about four minutes northwest of MoPac toward Lampasas on the south side of 183. Come early while it’s cool; the line gets long close to 12.



Rattlesnake



Cottonmouth



Copperhead