



HANK HIGHWATER'S SUMMERTIME 'SKEETER FACTS!

Mosquitoes can fly up to 1.5 miles per hour. They find you by detecting the carbon dioxide you exhale; they can do this from about 60 to 75 feet away.

Female mosquitoes need blood and water to lay eggs.

When mosquitoes bite you they inject a chemical to keep your blood flowing, this is why you itch after getting bitten. Mosquitoes can carry diseases, such as West Nile Virus.

SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO TO AVOID GETTING BIT:

Hold your breath! (Just kidding!)

Wear light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants to keep mosquitoes away from your skin.



Avoid fruity fragrances that attract mosquitoes like hair products, perfumes, scented sunscreens and even the smell from fabric softeners or dryer sheets.



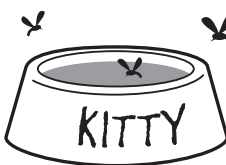
Try to play inside during early mornings and evenings when mosquitoes are most likely to be looking for a meal.

Have an adult light citronella candles during barbecues. Use insect repellent with DEET.

Since mosquitoes lay their eggs in water, it's a good idea to empty out buckets, flower pots, toys, and other things in your yard that may have collected water during a rainstorm or when you water your plants.



Please Don't forget your pet's water bowl! Make sure you change the water EVERY DAY.



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