



Help Your Pet Be Cool This Summer

It's great to enjoy the summer with your pet, but it's also the time when they have the greatest risk of injury and heart-related health problems. Here are some tips on keeping this cool this summer.

Watch for Signs of heat stroke. Signs can include rapid panting, hot skin, twitching muscles, and a dazed look. Wrap them in a towel soaked with cool, not cold water. In Severe cases, place the in the bathtub. Heatstroke can be fatal. See us as soon as possible.

Never leave your Pet in a Parked Car. Not even if you crack the windows or park in the shade. On a 21 degrees Celsius day, the car temperature can rise above 65 degrees Celsius in minutes. It's extremely dangerous and the number one cause of heatstroke.

Keep vaccinations up-to-date. This is the time when most pets come in contact with other animals, at parks, campgrounds etc.

Always Provide Plenty of fresh Water. Dogs can only sweat through the pads of their feet and by panting. Evaporation from the wet surfaces of their mouth and nose helps lower body temperature.



Stop external Parasites before they Bite. Fleas, ticks and ear mites thrive in warm, humid environments. See us for prevention program.

Avoid Internal Parasites. Be sure your dog has been tested for heartworm and is on prevention.

Watch for Hot Pavement and Beaches. Sensitive paws burn easily.

Find a cool Spot. For indoors pets, keep the air circulating with a child-proof fan or air conditioner. Provide shade for outdoor pets and a gentle sprinkle from a hose is always appreciated.



The Streets Aren't Safe. Don't let your pet roam. Just in case- make sure your pet is licensed. We see twice as many fight injuries and bite wounds in the summer, and of course, your pet is no match for a car.

The Yard Isn't Always Safe, either. Be cautious of pesticides and herbicides. Read precautions for lawn chemicals carefully and keep pets away from newly-treated yards. If your pet comes in contact with chemical, wash their feet, abdomen and chest thoroughly, and then contact us.

Brush after Every Heel. Frequent brushing provides early warning of parasites and skin infections by lifting the coat, permitting a view of the skin below.

It's Allergy Season. People sneeze. Pets Scratch. Common pet allergies include pollen, grass and weeds. If your pet scratches excessively or chews at its paws, bring them in for an exam. We can design a program to help.

Watch The Exercise and Diet. Don't encourage exercise during the hottest part of the day, and let them eat less. Overeating can lead to overheating.

Not every Dog paddles Well. Animals in the water for the first time should be eased in, never throw or chase in. Don't let them drinks from pools, streams or the ocean, If they swim, rinse them off. Salt and minerals can damage a dog's coat.



Sunburn is No Day at the Beach. It hurts. Short-haired pets and those with pink skin and white hair are especially susceptible. Limit their exposure.

