

# WARM WEATHER TIPS TO KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE



1. Protect your pet from the heat & sun, provide plenty of fresh water. Heat stroke can be fatal to animals too.
2. Don't leave your pet outside without a shady spot & lots of water.
3. On hot days, exercise or play with your pet in the mornings & evenings when it is cooler.
4. Keep your cat indoors, safe from disease & injury from vehicles or other animals.
5. Pets have an increased risk of contracting heartworm during the summer months. Check with your vet for testing & preventative care.
6. Don't let your dog stick his/her head out the window in your vehicle; they can be injured by flying debris including bugs and pollution.
7. NEVER, EVER leave your pet unattended in a parked car, the temperature can rise up to 120° in minutes! As of January 2007, leaving your pet in a parked car during extreme conditions is against the law.
8. Be aware of plant food, fertilizers, and insecticides that can be fatal to pets if swallowed. More than 700 plants can produce toxic substances in sufficient amounts to cause harmful effects in animals.
9. Make sure your pet is always wearing a collar and identification tag. If your pet gets lost, it is the best way to ensure that he/she is returned to you.
10. Spaying & neutering your animals will help prevent them from wandering off. Added benefits include living a longer, happier life, less chance of biting someone and helping to reduce the pet overpopulation.
11. Prevent free access to pools & always supervise your pet in a pool.
12. Don't take your pets to crowded summer events like concerts or fairs. The loud noises combined with the heat can be dangerous for your animals.
13. Pets can get sunburned too! And, they may require sunscreen on noses and ear tips. Pets with light-colored noses or light-colored fur on ears are vulnerable to sunburn & skin cancer.
14. Keep in mind that asphalt gets very hot & can burn your pet's paws.



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