

PET SUMMER SAFETY GUIDE

Beat the heat and keep your pets safe this summer!



APPLY SUNSCREEN

Although fur helps provide protection, areas around your pet's **mouth, ears** and **belly** remain susceptible to sunburn. Use sunscreen made specifically for dogs to give your pooch an extra shield from the harmful rays.



DON'T WALK YOUR PUP DURING PEAK SUN HOURS

Don't Walk Your Pup During Peak Sun Hours. Avoid walking your dog during the hottest part of the day. If you're unable to walk your dog when it's cooler outside, hire a professional pet sitter.



FIND SHADE

When playing outside, make sure there's plenty of shade for **cooling down** and always make sure your pet has clean, fresh water.



DODGE HOT ASPHALT

Hot concrete and asphalt can burn your pet's sensitive paw pads. If it's too hot for you, it's too hot for your pet.




KEEP YOUR PET HYDRATED.

Always use caution when leaving your dog outside, especially when you're away from home. If your pet is outside, make sure they have access to shade and clean, cool water.

SOME PETS ARE MORE LIKELY TO OVERHEAT

Special care and observation should be taken with dogs who are prone to overheating. This includes short-nosed dogs (such as pugs), senior and geriatric pets, as well as pets on medication or those who have specific health conditions such as diabetes and liver or kidney disease.



DON'T LEAVE YOUR PET IN THE CAR

NEVER leave your pet alone in a parked car—even if it's just for a few minutes. Cars can heat up quickly and can cause heatstroke and hyperthermia, which can result in death.



DOG HOUSES AREN'T COOL

DON'T rely on a dog house to shield your pup from the sun. Make sure dog houses are in the shade and have proper ventilation because a dog house can be just as dangerous as a hot car.



KEEP GRILLING SUPPLIES OUT OF REACH

Dogs love hanging out by the grill and they might mistake something like **charcoal briquettes** for food and become sick.



KEEP YOUR YARD PET-FRIENDLY

Make sure you use pet safe products in your yard. **Azaleas, lilies** and certain **plant food** can be fatal to pets.



BE AWARE OF CAR COOLANT

Coolant that leaks from your car or is left out is extremely dangerous for pets. Pets enjoy the smell and may drink the coolant, which can be fatal.



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