

WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!



SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR PET

Summer is here, and with it comes longer days, sunshine, and outdoor adventures! While the warm weather is perfect for spending more time with your furry friend, it also brings seasonal risks that can affect their health and safety. This month, we're sharing tips to help you keep your pet cool, hydrated, and safe all summer long.

HEAT SAFETY: KNOW THE SIGNS OF OVERHEATING

Certain breeds—like Bulldogs, Pugs, Shih Tzus, and Persian cats—are more prone to heatstroke due to their shorter snouts. Pets with underlying health issues, overweight pets, and seniors are also at higher risk.

Preventive tips:

- Limit exercise on hot days
- Always provide access to shade and fresh water
- Use cooling vests or mats for dogs who spend time outside
- Never rely on fans alone—pets cool primarily through panting, not sweating

If your pet shows signs of heat stress, cool them gradually with cool (not cold) water, offer water to drink, and contact your vet immediately—heatstroke can be fatal if left untreated.

Patient Spotlight

MEET AHSOKA - A REAL LIFE MEDICAL MYSTERY!

When Ahsoka began showing signs of a UTI, her journey took some unexpected turns—elevated urine glucose, normal bloodwork, the surprise discovery of crystals, and multiple rechecks along the way! She's finally on the mend, but her case is a great reminder that veterinary care often requires time, patience, and persistence.

👉 Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to read her full story and stay updated as we continue to navigate her recovery!





Summer Travel Safety

Whether it's a weekend getaway or cross-country road trip, proper planning is key.

Travel tips:

- **Secure pets in a crash-tested harness or carrier**—loose pets in cars are not only dangerous but also illegal in some states
- **Never leave your pet in a parked car**, even with the windows cracked. On a 78°F day, the temperature inside a car can reach 100°F in minutes
- **Bring a copy of your pet's vaccine records**—especially rabies
- **Pack a "pet bag" with essentials:**
 - Food and treats
 - Collapsible bowls
 - Medication and first-aid kit
 - Waste bags, litter, or potty pads
 - Favorite toy or blanket to reduce stress

Traveling out of state or flying? Ask us about a **travel health certificate** and destination-specific requirements.

June Coupons



Hot Take

FROM DR. MATT

While you're soaking up the sun, your furry friend is secretly dreaming of shade, A/C, and frozen treats. Let's be real—they didn't sign up for scorched paws, smoky BBQ treats, or fireworks that sound like the sky is falling. This summer, be their hero: skip the sizzle, bring the chill, and keep the fun safe.

Dog days of summer are here!

HOT SURFACES HURT PAWS

Sidewalks and asphalt can reach over 140°F on hot days—burning your pet's paws in seconds.

Quick test: Press your hand to the ground for 7 seconds. If it's too hot for you, it's too hot for them.

Protect their paws:

- Walk early or late (before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m.)
- Use breathable booties
- Apply pet-safe paw balm
- Rinse paws after walks to remove heat and debris

HYDRATION IS KEY

Dehydration can sneak up fast in hot weather.

Watch for: sunken eyes, sticky gums, and skin that doesn't bounce back when pinched.

Keep them hydrated:

- Add bone broth to water
- Use travel bottles with built-in bowls
- Offer frozen pet-safe treats
- Provide multiple water stations or a pet fountain indoors



OUTDOOR ADVENTURES: HIDDEN HAZARDS

Standing Water & Algae:

Avoid letting pets swim in murky or green water—blue-green algae can be fatal if ingested or licked off fur. Always rinse your pet after swimming.

BBQs & Parties:

Human food can be dangerous. Cooked bones, fatty meats, corn cobs, onions, grapes, chocolate, and alcohol are toxic or harmful. Keep trash and food out of reach, and remind guests not to feed your pet.

Fireworks & Loud Noises:

Summer celebrations can cause severe anxiety. Create a quiet space, close windows, and use calming aids if needed. Make sure microchips and ID tags are up to date in case of escape.

CLINIC CORNER:

Summer Updates

- **Reminder:** Flea, tick, and heartworm activity peaks in summer. Is your pet protected? Call us to check your pet's prevention schedule.
- **Planning summer travel?** We're happy to help with travel certificates and wellness checks for your pet's adventure.

FINAL REMINDER: KEEP THE FUN GOING, SAFELY

Need advice on heat safety, summer travel, or flea and tick prevention? Our team is here to help. Call us at 563-888-5850 or click below to schedule your pet's summer wellness check.

HERE'S TO HAPPY, HEALTHY, SAFE PETS! 🐾

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