



WELCOME TO OUR

# Monthly Newsletter

TRAVEL  
time

SUMMER SAFETY, TRAVEL &amp; HOLIDAY PREPAREDNESS

SUMMER BRINGS MORE TIME OUTDOORS, VACATIONS, AND FUN ACTIVITIES WITH OUR PETS – BUT WARMER TEMPERATURES CAN ALSO CREATE SERIOUS HEALTH RISKS.

HEAT EXHAUSTION AND HEATSTROKE CAN DEVELOP QUICKLY, ESPECIALLY DURING HIGH TEMPERATURES AND HUMIDITY. TO HELP KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE THIS SUMMER, ALWAYS PROVIDE ACCESS TO FRESH WATER AND SHADE, AVOID EXERCISING DURING THE HOTTEST PARTS OF THE DAY, AND NEVER LEAVE PETS UNATTENDED IN VEHICLES, EVEN FOR A FEW MINUTES.



CONCRETE AND ASPHALT CAN ALSO BECOME DANGEROUSLY HOT AND MAY BURN SENSITIVE PAW PADS DURING WALKS.

ALWAYS TEST THE PAVEMENT FOR A FEW SECONDS AND IF IT'S TOO HOT FOR YOUR HAND, IT'S TOO HOT FOR YOUR DOG!



IF YOUR PET ENJOYS SWIMMING, REMEMBER THAT NOT ALL PETS ARE NATURAL SWIMMERS. ALWAYS SUPERVISE PETS AROUND POOLS, LAKES, AND RIVERS, AND RINSE THEM OFF AFTER SWIMMING TO REMOVE CHLORINE OR BACTERIA FROM THEIR COAT AND SKIN. BE ALERT FOR SIGNS OF OVERHEATING SUCH AS **EXCESSIVE PANTING, DROOLING, WEAKNESS, VOMITING, OR COLLAPSE.**

IF YOU NOTICE ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS, SEEK VETERINARY CARE IMMEDIATELY.





WHETHER YOUR SUMMER PLANS INCLUDE A FAMILY ROAD TRIP OR BOARDING YOUR PET WHILE YOU ARE AWAY, A LITTLE PREPARATION CAN HELP MAKE THE EXPERIENCE SAFER AND LESS STRESSFUL FOR EVERYONE.

BEFORE TRAVELING OR BOARDING, MAKE SURE YOUR PET'S VACCINES ARE CURRENT AND THAT YOU HAVE ENOUGH MEDICATIONS, PREVENTATIVES, AND FOOD PACKED FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR STAY. UPDATED ID TAGS AND MICROCHIP INFORMATION ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT DURING TRAVEL, AS UNFAMILIAR ENVIRONMENTS CAN INCREASE THE RISK OF PETS BECOMING LOST.

FOR PETS TRAVELING BY CAR, SECURE CARRIERS OR PET SEATBELTS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR SAFETY, AND FREQUENT BREAKS FOR WATER AND EXERCISE CAN HELP REDUCE STRESS DURING LONGER TRIPS.

IF YOUR PET **EXPERIENCES ANXIETY OR MOTION SICKNESS** WHILE TRAVELING OR BOARDING, SPEAK WITH US AHEAD OF TIME ABOUT POSSIBLE CALMING OPTIONS OR MEDICATIONS.

IF YOUR PET WILL BE BOARDING, REMEMBER THAT MANY FACILITIES REQUIRE VACCINES SUCH AS RABIES, BORDETELLA, AND DISTEMPER/PARVO PRIOR TO CHECK-IN. SUMMER BOARDING RESERVATIONS ALSO TEND TO FILL QUICKLY AROUND HOLIDAYS AND VACATION PERIODS, SO SCHEDULING EARLY IS ALWAYS RECOMMENDED.



## 4th of July

THE FOURTH OF JULY CAN BE ONE OF THE MOST STRESSFUL HOLIDAYS FOR PETS DUE TO FIREWORKS, LOUD GATHERINGS, UNFAMILIAR GUESTS, AND CHANGES IN ROUTINE.

### BEFORE FESTIVITIES BEGIN...



MAKE SURE YOUR PET'S ID TAGS AND MICROCHIP INFORMATION ARE CURRENT IN CASE THEY BECOME FRIGHTENED AND ESCAPE.



KEEP PETS INDOORS DURING FIREWORKS, AND CREATE A QUIET, SECURE AREA WITH FAMILIAR BEDDING, TOYS, SOFT MUSIC, OR A TELEVISION TO HELP MASK OUTSIDE NOISE.



EXERCISING DOGS EARLIER IN THE DAY MAY ALSO HELP REDUCE STRESS AND RESTLESSNESS LATER IN THE EVENING.



# June is National Pet Preparedness Month



NATIONAL PET PREPAREDNESS MONTH IS A GREAT REMINDER TO PLAN AHEAD FOR YOUR FURRY FRIENDS. THIS JUNE, CREATE **A PET EMERGENCY KIT** TO HAVE READY, AND MAKE SURE ID AND MICROCHIP DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE. ✨



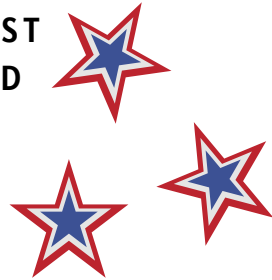
## Hot Take FROM DR. MATT

**"IF YOUR DOG IS PANTING HEAVILY, THE WALK IS ALREADY TOO LONG."**

EVERY SUMMER WE SEE PETS DEVELOP HEAT EXHAUSTION SIMPLY FROM ROUTINE WALKS DURING THE HOTTEST PARTS OF THE DAY. EARLY MORNING AND EVENING WALKS ARE ALWAYS THE SAFEST OPTION DURING SUMMER MONTHS.



**WHEN IT COMES TO THE FOURTH OF JULY — PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL JULY 3RD TO ADDRESS YOUR PET'S ANXIETY. FIREWORK FEARS ARE VERY REAL, AND PLANNING AHEAD GIVES US THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO HELP KEEP YOUR PET CALM, SAFE, AND COMFORTABLE DURING THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND.**



**\$26 New Client Exam**  
Only applicable to new clients and for first exam charge only.



**\$50 Referral**  
Refer a friend and you each receive a \$50 credit

Thank you for being part of our Maplewood family — here's to a happy, healthy spring for you and your furry companions! If you have any questions or need to schedule an appointment, give us a call at **563-888-5850** or **click below to schedule online!**

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