



Summer Safety Tips

It's summer – this means more car rides and fun activities, such as swimming, cottage trips and an occasional game of fetch with your pet. But, during all of this outdoor fun, is your pet safe? Here are 5 summer safety tips to help you take care of your pet this season.

1 Beware the Danger of a Hot Car

Never leave your pet in the car on a hot summer day. Even with open windows or a shady parking space, a car can heat up to 39°C (102°F) in as little as 10 minutes. Your pet will quickly become overheated, which can lead to brain damage or death.

2 Lifejackets for Dogs: Not Just a Fashion Statement

Even though most dogs are natural swimmers and are seemingly at home on a boat cruising on a lake, putting a lifejacket on your dog is an important safety precaution that is often overlooked. A lifejacket could actually be a life-saver, preventing a drowning accident. It will prove its value if your boat overturns or your dog falls overboard and hits his head or gets exhausted trying to swim long distances to shore.

3 Relieving a Stressful Situation

Warm summer weather leads to an increase in thunderstorms. Many dogs cower in fear when they hear the crackle of lightning and boom of thunder. It can be very stressful for them. You can help to relieve this stress by giving your dog an anti-anxiety supplement. An anti-anxiety supplement can also work to reduce the similar stress caused by the pops and bangs of fireworks.

4 Stay Hydrated!

Whether long or short haired, most pets are covered in insulating fur. Add this to hot temperatures and outdoor activities, such as hiking and it becomes easy to overheat. To cool down and stay hydrated, be sure to give your pet lots of clean, fresh water. Take extra water bottles on your excursions and be sure to bring a travel water bowl so your pet can drink conveniently.

5 Protect Against Fleas & Ticks

Fleas and ticks thrive in the hot weather of late summer when your pet spends more time outside – becoming a delicious host for these pests to make their new home. You can prevent an infestation before it starts by making sure your pet is treated with flea and tick repellents.