

# SAFETY - SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FOR PETS

Just as people are subject to the discomfort of hot summer days, so too are pets. Remember that your pets needs cool comfortable surroundings just as you do.

Keep your pet safe this summer by observing the following tips:

1. Your dog's shots should be up-to-date since pets come into contact with more dogs and people as they are outside more in the summertime.
2. Discuss preventive medicine for fleas, ticks, and heartworm with your veterinarian.
3. If your pet is outside, make sure it has a good supply of clean water and also a shady spot for resting.
4. Do not leave a pet in a locked car with the windows rolled up since the temperature in the car rises very rapidly to a level that can be fatal to animals in a short time.
5. Pets should be kept away from grass that has been treated or fertilized with chemicals within the last 24 hours.
6. Pets can get heat stroke just as their owners can. Short-nosed dogs like boxers and bulldogs are the most susceptible although any pet can be a victim.
7. Remember that sand and blacktop can be very hot and, just as walking on them can make you uncomfortable; your pet will be uncomfortable too.
8. Some breeds of dogs can sunburn, particularly those with short hair and pink skin so limit the outdoor time during the day.