

SUMMER PET SAFETY GUIDE

During the hot & humid Mid-Atlantic Summer, follow these tips to keep your animals safe while playing outdoors!

1 KEEP YOUR PET COOL ON HOT SUMMER DAYS!



If your pet is outside on a hot sunny day, make sure there are plenty of shady spots around that your pet can rest in. Providing cool, fresh water to your pet is a must during hot weather, allowing them to cool down their body temperatures.

Avoid leaving your pet in automobiles on these days, as temperatures can quickly climb past 100 degrees in a matter of minutes.

2 KEEP YOUR GARAGE, OR UTILITY SHED, WHERE YOU KEEP FERTILIZER AND OTHER CHEMICALS CLOSED!



If not supervised a pet can stroll into a garage or utility shed during the summer and devour a bunch of fertilizer or other Summertime product. Often with fertilizer, obstruction is your main concern, as the granules can become stuck together in your pets digestive system causing the pet pain, and possibly death.

Also, Summer heat can put your car's coolant system into overdrive, causing dangerous coolant to drip from your car onto the ground in your garage. Pets can often drink this material and get seriously ill from it.

3 GET YOUR PET PROTECTED FROM FLEAS, TICKS, & MOSQUITOES, THE LEADING CARRIER OF HEARTWORM DISEASE!



Summer is the active season for fleas, ticks, mosquitoes, and other insects. Make sure to get all of your pets up to date on their flea/tick medication, as well as heartworm medication. Don't let your pet play in tall areas of grass where ticks are most likely to hang out. Also avoid swampy areas or ditches that are perfect breeding areas for mosquitoes, they are the main carrier of heartworm disease.



4 KEEP YOUR PETS OFF THE ASPHALT



Asphalt in the Summer can reach in excess of 120 degrees on a hot day. This is more than sufficient to burn your pets paws, and at the very least cause them pain. Try to keep your pets paws cool by staying in grassy areas, or concrete walkways.

5 SUMMER BARBECUES CAN BE DANGEROUS TO YOUR PET!



Did you know some foods at your local cookout can kill or make your pet seriously ill? Keep your pets safe by avoiding these common cookout favorites:



Grapes & Avocados



Onion, Garlic, & Chives



Alcohol



Macadamia Nuts



Chocolate