

Summertime PET HAZARDS

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Protect pets from these seasonal threats

Foxtails

- Type of grass common in yards and on paths and hillsides
- Embeds in eyes, ears, noses, paws and skin, often requiring surgical removal

TIP Check your pet thoroughly after being outdoors

Burns

- Pets can get sunburns and skin cancer
- Hot sidewalks are painful and can burn paw pads

TIP Ask your vet about pet-safe sunscreens

Ear infections

- Often caused by trapped water
- Dry your dog thoroughly after bathing or swimming

TIP Ask your vet about ear cleaning products

Sunscreen

- Ingredients dangerous to pets: PABA, zinc oxide and salicylic acid
- Effects range from nausea and diarrhea to organ failure

TIP Keep sunscreen in a closed beach bag

Heatstroke

- Signs include rapid panting, vomiting, weakness and seizures
- It only takes a few minutes to reach deadly temps inside a parked car—even with windows open

TIP Provide plenty of water and a cool place to rest

Flea & tick meds

Pyrethrins and pyrethroids (common in flea & tick meds for dogs) are extremely toxic to cats

TIP Never apply dog flea products on cats

Near drownings

- Incidents increase during summer
- Consider buying a pet life jacket or pool ramp

TIP Take a pet CPR class

Rattlesnake bites

- Signs include difficulty breathing, bleeding, shock and organ failure
- Do not attempt first aid—seek immediate veterinary attention instead

TIP Ask your vet about rattlesnake vaccines

Bugs

Insect bites can cause allergic reactions and spread disease

TIP Remove standing water in your yard and keep pets away from hives and woodpiles

Salt water

- Excessive intake can cause salt poisoning
- Signs include vomiting, diarrhea, incoordination and seizures

TIP Bring a bottle of water for your dog when you visit the beach

Pool chemicals

- Undiluted chemicals are corrosive if ingested
- Can cause ulcers in the mouth, esophagus and stomach

TIP Store pool chemicals in a locked, secure area

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