



Situational Awareness Bulletin

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SUMMER SAFETY FOR YOUR PETS

THE SUMMER HEAT CAN BE TAXING ON NOT ONLY HUMANS, BUT ANIMALS AS WELL. IN ORDER TO KEEP TO YOUR PETS HEALTHY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, YOU SHOULD:

- 1 Take your pet to the veterinarian for a spring or early summer check-up. Make sure they get tested for heartworms and any other possible underlying health issues. Animals that are overweight, have heart or lung disease and are of old age are all more vulnerable to heat strokes and should be kept in cool areas as much as possible.
- 2 Keep plenty of fresh, clean water available for them at all times. Keep the water inside a cool and accessible location. Keeping standing water outside can become a potential breeding ground for mosquitoes and vector borne-illnesses.
- 3 Keep pets inside when the weather gets too hot. If concrete is too hot for you to walk outside barefoot, it's too hot for your pet's feet as well.
- 4 Never leave pets in hot cars, even with the windows rolled down. It only takes minutes for your pet to overheat and the situation to become deadly.
- 5 Never leave pets unsupervised near pools. Not all animals can swim and pets should avoid using pool water as a source of hydration.



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