

Summer Safety Tips

Summer is just around the corner and warm temperatures mean extra preparation for our pets at home and while traveling.

* Make sure that your home or backyard offers:

- Extra water available
- Shade and cooler places to rest

* Try to walk your pet before or after the hottest periods in the day

* Ear and skin infections can result after prolonged periods of exposure to “dirty” water (or salty ocean water). If you are unsure of the “cleanliness” of the water, it is best to rinse your pet off afterwards. Drying your dog thoroughly will also help to decrease the risk of skin infections.

* To avoid contact with harmful poisons, keep your dog or cat away from areas that may have been sprayed with insecticides or pesticides

Traveling with your pet on holidays? Ask us about Cerenia – a motion sickness preventative for those longer-than-normal car trips (or if the car makes your pet nauseous)

And a reminder...never leave your pet unattended in the car in warm/hot weather.

Visit the following link for more AAHA approved summer safety tips:

http://www.healthypet.com/petcare/PetCareArticle.aspx?art_key=7733fb84-a684-439f-807f-476c2420460d