



June Newsletter

Summertime Dangers

The summer months can be the most dangerous for dogs. People and their pets spend more time outdoors where high temperatures, insect infestations, abundance of plant growth all add up to increased ailments suffered by dogs.

Spiders and insects come out during the summer months. Mosquitoes congregate around standing pools of water. Get rid of any type of container that has standing water so mosquitoes don't breed. Heartworm disease is transmitted by mosquitoes.

You should keep your pets away from bees, wasps and woodpiles that might have deadly spiders living in them.

Your pet can suffer a stroke during the hot summer months. Keep pets indoors as much as possible during the warmest hours of the day. Never leave your pet in the car during the summer.

Hot sidewalks can burn your pet's paws. Walk your pet either in the early morning or evening when the sun is not at its hottest. Keep your pet inside during the hottest part of the day. Some pets could experience sunburns on areas not covered by fur or dark skin.

If your dog goes swimming a lot during the summer check their ears frequently. Ear infections can be caused from water getting trapped in a dog's ear. You might want to speak to your veterinarian who will recommend ear cleaning products that will help dry the ear canal.

With people fertilizing their lawns and working in their gardens during the summer, be aware that plant food, fertilizer and insecticides can be fatal. Even some plants are toxic if ingested.

Provide plenty of shade and water for your pets while they are enjoying the great outdoors.

To Dog Owner's Everywhere: A Dog's Plea

Treat me kindly, my beloved friend for no heart in this entire world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.

Do not break my spirit with a stick for though I should lick your hand between blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me learn.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footsteps fall upon my waiting ear.

Please take me inside when it is cold and wet for I am a domesticated animal, no longer accustomed to bitter elements.

I ask no greater glory than to have the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth.

Keep my pan filled with water for I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst.

Feed me clean food that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life, should your life be in danger.

And my friend, when I am old and no longer enjoy good health and sight, do not make heroic efforts to keep me going, I am not having fun.

Please see that my trusting life is taken gently.

I shall leave this earth knowing with the last breath I draw that my fate was always safest in your hands.

..... Author Unknown

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