



Protect Pets from Summer Scorchers

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Temperatures are soaring into the 90s and 100s and such intense heat is not only dangerous for humans but for pets as well. The American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) offers a few tips to protect pets during summer heat waves.

Cars are potential death traps during the hot summer months because inside temperatures can quickly climb to more than 120 degrees Fahrenheit on even a mild sunny day. It's best to leave your pet at home while running errands during hot weather.

- If your pet lives outdoors, make sure there is adequate shelter for protection from the midday sun and heat. Outdoor kennels should be well-ventilated and in a shaded area. There should always be some shade for the pet to get out of the sun.
- Also, make sure there is plenty of fresh drinking water available to your pet. The bowl should be placed in a shaded area where it cannot be heated by the sun.
- Exercise is important, but over-exertion during hot weather commonly causes heat stress. Avoid excessive exercise



Summer can be fun for your family, to be safe watch your pets closely for signs of heat stroke.

during hot days.

- Keep your pet well-groomed. Long hair and hair mats may need to be clipped to help cool the animal.

If you have any questions or concerns about your pet this summer please feel free to call and visit with a technician or veterinarian 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at CKVC? Please feel free to ask for a tour of our hospital. Any of our employees would love to show you around.



CKVC employees are happy and proud of the success of Spay Day 2006.

Spay Day Success

In the last issue of CKVC News we told you that CKVC employees would be participating in Spay Day USA by spaying and neutering a feral cat colony. We are pleased to announce that we success-

fully spayed 35 female cats and neutered 28 male cats.

Many thanks to those of you who donated your time, kennels, and supplies to help us accomplish this great task.

When is it a Emergency?

Most pet "parents" have been in a situation like this: Buster slipped on the way down the stairs and now he's walking with a limp. It's 11:00 at night. Should you call your veterinarian, or are you just being a worrywart?

You're never wrong to call if you're concerned about your pet and you should never feel embarrassed about calling a veterinarian. Veterinarians are used to emergencies and prepare for them. CKVC has a veterinarian and a technician on duty 24 hours a day to assist you in any way.

Remember, you know your pet better than anyone else. If you notice your pet behaving in a way that's unusual for him or her, or if something just doesn't seem right, you may have picked up on a subtle sign of a real problem. To find out call us. By asking a few questions over the phone, an emergency veterinarian should be able to tell you whether you should bring your pet in right away or whether the problem can wait.

or mouth, or there is blood in the urine or feces.

- You think your pet might have ingested something toxic, such as antifreeze, rat poison, any kind of medication that wasn't prescribed, or household cleansers.
- Your pet, particularly your male cat, is straining to urinate, or is unable to.
- Your pet shows signs of extreme pain, such as whining, shaking or refusing to socialize.
- Your pet collapses or suddenly can't stand up.
- Your pet begins bumping into things or suddenly becomes disoriented.
- You can see irritation, injury or squinting of your pet's eyes, or she suddenly seems to become blind.
- Your pet's abdomen is swollen and hard to the touch, and/or she's gagging and trying to vomit.
- You see symptoms of heatstroke.
- Your pregnant dog or cat has gone more than two hours between delivering puppies or kittens.

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Definite Emergencies

There are some times, however, when you won't need to call first. If you notice any of the following problems, bring your pet in immediately for emergency care:

- Your pet has been experienced some kind of trauma, such as being hit by a car or a blunt object or falling more than a few feet.
- Your pet isn't breathing or you can't feel a heartbeat.
- Your pet is unconscious and won't wake up.
- Your pet has been vomiting or has had diarrhea for more than 24 hours, is vomiting blood, or passing bloody stools.
- You suspect any broken bones.
- Your pet is having trouble breathing or has something stuck in the throat.
- Your pet has had or is having a seizure.
- Your pet is bleeding from the eyes, nose,

What to do if it's an emergency:

If you notice any of the symptoms above or you suspect a serious problem, call CKVC immediately.

Once you decide to bring your pet in for emergency treatment, make sure you know where you're going and how to get your pet there safely. If you have any questions about directions or how to move your ill or injured pet, call the hospital and ask.

Be prepared

The best way to deal with pet emergencies is to prepare for them, just in case. The next time you bring your pet in for a checkup, ask your veterinarian what you should do in case of emergency. Keep our name and number on an emergency sheet near the phone, right next to the numbers for your physician, fire department, and poison-control hotline. Most important, remember to trust your instincts. You know and love your pet, and you have the right to be worried if something seems wrong. Emergency veterinary professionals are here for you.



We have a veterinarian and a technician available to help you 24 hours a day.

Tis The Season to be Rummaging!

Central Kansas Veterinary Center will be holding a fund raising rummage sale on June 3rd, 2006. The proceeds will go to our new Spay and Neuter Assistance Program. We invite you to donate unwanted treasures as well as come find long lost items you can't live without.

Activities will include:

Silent Auction

Raffle

Bake Sale

If you are interested in making a contribution please contact Janessa at 663-8387



Come find lost treasures on June 3rd at CKVC.

CKVC Adoption Center

Central Kansas Veterinary Center has six cuddly cats that need to find a loving home. If you are interested in adopting a new friend please stop by and visit any one in the group. All companions have been spayed or neutered. They are also current on vacci-

nations and flea prevention. We do have an application process to ensure that each kitty goes to the best home possible. The adoption fee for each cat is \$50.00. The fee goes into our Happy Tails Program to help other homeless animals.



10 Most common poisonous plants

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals released a list of the 10 most common poisonous plants and their possible effects. To keep your pets safe make sure they avoid contact with these plants.

1. Marijuana—causes depression of the central nervous system and incoordination, diarrhea, vomiting, drooling, increased heart rate seizures and coma.
2. Sago Palm—Vomiting, diarrhea, depression, seizures, and liver failure.
3. Lilies—severe kidney damage.
4. Tulip/Narcissus bulbs—Intense gastrointestinal irritation, drooling, loss of appetite, depression of the central nervous system.
5. Azalea—Vomiting, drooling, diarrhea, weakness, and depression of the central nervous system.
6. Oleander—Gastrointestinal tract irritation, abnormal heart function, hypothermia, and death
7. Castor Bean—Severe abdominal pain, drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst, weakness and loss of appetite.
8. Cyclamen—GI irritation, intense vomiting and even death.
9. Kalanchoe—GI irritation, and arrhythmia
10. Yew—Trembling, incoordination, difficulty breathing, GI irritation, and cardiac failure.



Watch out for plants around your home that could harm you pet.

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Salty Dawg Festival 2006



*Bring your pet to the Salty
Dawg Festival to join in on the
fun!*

The annual Salty Dawg Festival is right around the corner. It will be held Saturday May 13th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This is the third year for this fund raising event to give people a chance to participate in fun activities as well as help out the Hutchinson Animal Shelter.

This year's activities will include:

- Pooch Parade
- Contests for : Salty Dawg King and Queen, Dog/Owner look alike, Smallest Dog, Largest Dog, Best Bark or Howl, Best Wag, Spunky Puppy, and Longest Tail

- Discs Dogs
- Ask A Vet
- K9 Unit
- Agility Dogs
- Stupid Pet Tricks
- Auction

We hope to see you all at this year's event. If you have any question or want to volunteer please contact us or Val at 662-3138.