



Vets Love Pets!

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Summer Safety

Many of us approach summer with thoughts of warm weather, sunny days and relaxing at the cabin or going on vacation. It is important to keep in mind that this season brings various hazards for our pets. Many pets accompany their owners to cottages or on vacation every summer season and special care must be taken in maintaining safety, from travel time to the destination itself. In this June edition of our monthly newsletter, here are some reminders for pet owners before heading off on your vacation with your pet.



TOP 10 TRAVEL TIPS

Traveling with your pet can be fun, but the key is anticipating your pet's needs. Here are our top 10 tips to ensure everyone stays happy, healthy and safe:

1. Ensure your pet has had all its vaccinations before you make your journey and keep a record of these with you.
2. When traveling by car, plan for twice as many rest stops as you would for a small child.
3. Avoid motion sickness by feeding your pet only a small meal a few hours before leaving on your trip.
4. Bring plenty of fresh water, as well as extra food and treats.
5. Secure your pet in a crate, a travel carrier or a harness (pet seatbelt).
6. Research pet-friendly hotels and have a full understanding of what accommodations are available for your pet.
7. Make sure your pet has a strong collar and identification tags, as well as destination information in case you get separated. It is also advisable to carry an extra collar and leash in case theirs breaks. We also strongly advise you to have your pet microchipped for identification purposes in case your pet gets lost.
8. NEVER leave your pet in a car on warm or hot days.
9. If you are taking your dog on an airplane, check with your airline to find out what information is needed before your pet can fly.
10. Carry a pet first aid kit. Please speak to one of our veterinary health care team for advice on what to include.

WE SELL DOGGLES

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for your dogs*



100% UV protection
Shatterproof lenses
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Super flexible rubber frame
Interchangeable, removable lenses
Available in 11 colors & 5 sizes

BE SAFE, LOOK COOL !!!

CANCELLATION POLICY

It would be appreciated if our clients could give us 24 hours notice if they need to cancel an appointment

Many Thanks

GREEN GRASS AND PETS – IS IT POSSIBLE ???



Have you heard of Green-UM for dogs? It is a daily tablet given to dogs which has been specially formulated to help control lawn burn, by diminishing those unsightly yellow spots on lawns. In addition, Green-UM contains essential B-Vitamins from Yeast, the essential amino acid (Methionine) and other ingredients that can provide nutritional support for your pet, therefore it can benefit both your pet and your lawn at the same time. Green-UM can also alleviate burns on plants and shrubs caused by pets using them as their "favorite spot". It is completely safe for your dogs and garden, contains no chemicals and no artificial colorings. Please follow manufacturers guidelines for length of recommended use.

HELPFUL HINTS ON GARDEN SAFETY



GEMINI

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DOGS: Gemini dogs have lots of energy, and they are always alert. They can be very inquisitive, they must see and know everything. Bring a package into the house and they must inspect it thoroughly. They can get easily sidetracked when trying to train so it may require some patience, however it is worthwhile as they are so much fun with their lively ways. They are very persuasive and can charm you into doing things their way. They love people - the more in the household the happier they are. Having lots of company will delight them. Try to make sure they get plenty of rest - they have a tendency to keep moving and playing, they love all kinds of toys and will play with anything.

CATS: It's not often that cats obey a human command but Gemini cats are the exception. Being the most communicative sign of the zodiac they seem to understand what we are saying. They may meow back as if to answer us. They are extremely bright and will soon learn to open the cat flap for themselves. They are real charmers and capable of winning over the most avid cat-hater. Their fun-loving nature and bubbly personality makes for a thoroughly entertaining pet. The ancient astrologers made Gemini the ruler of sparrows so don't be surprised if your Gemini cat drops the occasional dead "offering" at your feet.

LAWN CARE: Chose alternatives to chemical lawn and garden care. If you use pest control products, even organic ones, keep pets out of the garden when you are applying them, and then keep them away from treated areas for as long as recommended, usually until the treated area is dry or 24 hours.

PLANTS: Certain flowers this time of year can be extremely dangerous and even fatal to our pets. Cats are notorious plant chewers, and are more susceptible to their dangers. Although not all lilies are toxic, you will be better off if you assume they are. Easter lilies in particular can be life threatening as they cause kidney failure even up to a week after ingestion.

GARDEN TOOLS: Your dog (and people too) can get injured if you leave a rake tines facing up, a hoe blade up or open pruners on the ground. Please ensure that you put away any sharp edged tools once you have finished using them.

FERTILIZERS: Many organic fertilizers are made out of bone meal, blood meal or fish emulsion, which can smell like dinner to a curious dog or cat. Store these products, as well as conventional fertilizers, in plastic containers with secure lids where your pets won't be able to get at them.

CHEMICALS IN PRESSURE TREATED DECKS: Don't let your dog lie directly on a wood deck that has not been sealed. Most wood decks are built from lumber that has been pressure treated and preserved with toxic chemicals. Sealants should be applied every 2 years. Since toxic chemicals from treated wood can leak into the soil, avoid them crawling underneath a deck to sleep or play.

DANGERS OF RIDING IN THE BACK OF PICK-UP TRUCKS

Dogs can easily fall, jump, or be thrown from the bed of a pick-up truck. This causes them to suffer from multiple fractures, abdominal and chest trauma and severe cuts and bruises. In many cases, dogs who manage to survive the fall are hit and fatally injured by other vehicles. Tying dogs to the trucks can also be dangerous because dogs who jump or fall may be hanged or dragged alongside the vehicle causing severe abrasions. Additionally, the hot metal of the truck box can burn dogs feet. Dogs riding in the hot sun without shade may suffer from heatstroke. Do not cover the bed of the pick-up with a tarp or shell as it may expose dogs to potentially lethal carbon monoxide poisoning. Dogs can experience eye injuries when bugs, sand, debris or other objects are blown into their eyes when trucks travel at high speeds.



The safest way for your pet to travel is inside the truck with his or her owner.



Skunks frequently spray dogs - this is generally harmless, but smelly! If you believe your dog bit the skunk, or the skunk bit the dog, contact your veterinarian regarding precautions against rabies. Skunk spray in the eyes can cause intense discomfort. You will see squinting, light avoidance and red eyes. Rinse eyes well with water, preferably, soft contact lens solution or other saline solution. Do NOT use medicated eye drops designed for humans. Contact your veterinarian regarding the need for further evaluation. There are many recipes to neutralize skunk smell although most of them do not seem to work very well. However, the following formula may be helpful:

1 litre of 3% hydrogen peroxide
¼ cup baking soda
1 tbsp. liquid dish detergent



Mix just prior to applying. Apply to haircoat in affected areas and let sit for 15 minutes. Rinse well with warm water. Animals with dark coats may be slightly bleached. Keep solution out of eyes.



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