

Summer is Here!!

Feelin' hot Hot HOT!

As you head out this summer to enjoy the great weather, please remember your pets may not be able to handle the heat as well as you can. Every summer, we hear of pets that die or are critically sick following overheating in cars, parks, and even back yards. The interior temperature of a car or truck rises well over 120 degrees in just 30 minutes if in direct sunlight – fatal for dogs and cats.

Cracking open a window does not really help much. Please do not leave your pet in the car – even for a minute. It just isn't safe.

If you're heading out for the day with your pet, be sure to pack water for your pet, to keep in the shade when possible, and take regular breaks in activity. Keep outdoor pets in shade and provide plenty of water. Dogs and cats can't sweat – they can only pant to cool off. This is not as effective to regulate their body temperature. Consider the humidity also – even on days that aren't so warm, a pet can overheat because the humidity is too high to get rid of heat by panting. Heat stroke can quickly result. If you fear heat stroke has occurred, soak your pet with cool water and place ice packs in the armpits and under the belly, and get to a veterinarian immediately!

Traveling this summer?

Scott County Animal Hospital offers boarding services for both dogs and cats in our comfortable veterinary-supervised and state-licensed kennel. We have separate areas for dogs and cats, a fenced-in yard for play and walking, extra walks available, and baths or grooming services prior to departure. Our dog visitors are housed in comfortable runs or cages in air-conditioned comfort. Cats are housed in a separate quiet room in clean, comfortable cages. Calming music is played 24 hours a day and all pets are checked regularly throughout the day. Veterinary care is available if needed. Make us your pet's home away from home! Call for a reservation today! We book up fast for major holidays.



Summer Hazards

Remember there are many hazards to pets outdoors in the summertime. These include:

- cars
- leftover food & garbage
- plants
- lawn chemicals
- heat exhaustion/stroke
- dehydration
- internal parasites
- fleas & ticks
- injuries from toys or humans
- paw pad lacerations
- other animals
- bug or bee bites/stings
- allergies

Remember to apply your heartworm and flea/tick preventative monthly all summer! Mosquitoes, fleas, ticks, and internal parasites are just waiting for the chance to attack your dog or cat. If you need to stock up, give us a call at 563-285-8624.



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