

# FIVE SUMMERTIME PET SAFETY TIPS

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## WATCH WHERE YOU WALK

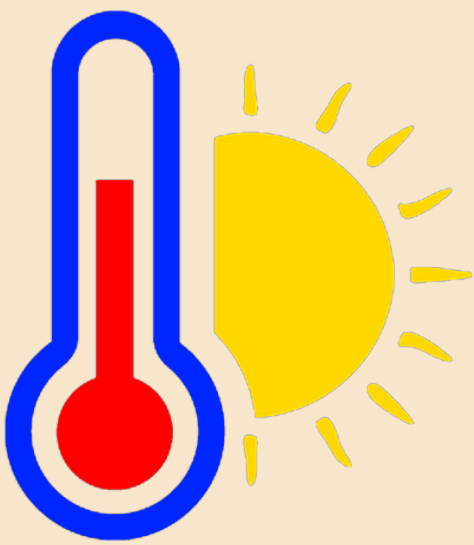
Even when the outside air temperature is a balmy 75°, asphalt under a summer sun can reach a painful 125°. On hotter days, it can hit 135° or higher. If it's hot enough to fry an egg, it will surely sizzle your pet's paws!



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## HEAT CAN KILL

Speaking of summer sun, don't forget that your pets get thirsty too. Hydration is key. Make sure they have plenty of fresh water indoors and out, and keep them in the shade as much as possible. And NEVER leave your dog or cat locked in a car: it takes less than 10 minutes for them to die of heat stroke.



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## DON'T LET PARASITES PICNIC ON YOUR PET

Fleas, ticks, mosquitoes and other pests, which thrive in summertime, can carry tapeworms, heartworms, and diseases like Lyme and Bartonella. Ask your vet what preventative measures you can take to keep your pet safe from them.



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## NAME YOUR POISON

Not all grass is created equal: some is doused in fertilizer and pesticides, which can be toxic to dogs and cats that lie or play in it. Likewise, some types of plants (such as tulips, hyacinths, certain lilies, and daffodils) can make your pet ill or even die if it is ingested. Be cautious about where you let your pet wander!



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## LAST BUT NOT LEAST... VACCINATE!

Summer is the peak season for rabies, since warm weather increases the risk of encounters with wild infected animals. Protect your pets by making sure their rabies inoculations are up-to-date.

