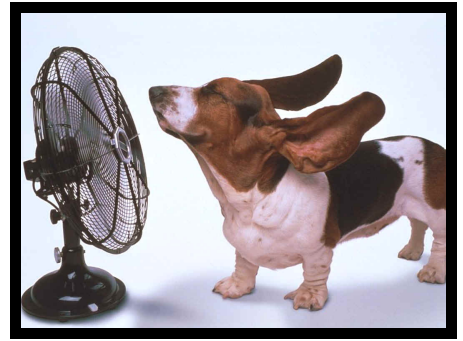


Top Ten Hot Weather Tips



In summertime, the living isn't always easy for our animal friends. Dogs and cats can suffer from the same problems that humans do, such as overheating, dehydration and even sunburn. By taking some simple precautions, you can celebrate the season and keep your pets happy and healthy.

1. A visit to the veterinarian for a spring or early summer check-up is a must; add to that a test for heartworm, if your dog isn't on year-round preventive medication. Do parasites bug your animal companions? Ask your doctor to recommend a safe, effective flea and tick control program.
2. Never leave your pet alone in a vehicle—hyperthermia can be fatal. Even with the windows open, a parked automobile can quickly become a furnace in no time. Parking in the shade offers little protection, as the sun shifts during the day.
3. Always carry a gallon thermos filled with cold, fresh water when traveling with your pet.
4. The right time for playtime is in the cool of the early morning or evening, but never after a meal or when the weather is humid.
5. Street smarts: When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog standing on hot asphalt. His or her body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.
6. A day at the beach is a no-no, unless you can guarantee a shaded spot and plenty of fresh water for your companion. Salty dogs should be rinsed off after a dip in the ocean.
7. Provide fresh water and plenty of shade for animals kept outdoors; a properly constructed doghouse serves best. Bring your dog or cat inside during the heat of the day to rest in a cool part of the house.
8. Be especially sensitive to older and overweight animals in hot weather. Brachycephalic or snub-nosed dogs such as bulldogs, pugs, Boston terriers, Lhasa apsos and shih tzus, as well as those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.
9. When walking your dog, steer clear of areas that you suspect have been sprayed with insecticides or other chemicals. And please be alert for coolant or other automotive fluid leaking from your vehicle. Animals are attracted to the sweet taste, and ingesting just a small amount can be fatal. Call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 if you suspect that your animal has been poisoned.
10. Good grooming can stave off summer skin problems, especially for dogs with heavy coats. Shaving the hair to a one-inch length—never down to the skin, please, which robs Rover of protection from the sun—helps prevent overheating. Cats should be brushed often.

NATIONAL HOMELESS ANIMALS DAY: AUGUST 19, 2006

Each year, millions of animals are born only to die a needless death in our nation's shelters. Herculean efforts on the part of shelters and rescue groups all over the country to convince pet owners to spay or neuter their animals have, for the most part, had little effect on the problem of euthanizing millions of homeless animals.

"National Homeless Animals Day" is an endeavor to raise awareness of this tragedy. The initiative is now international in scope, and is recognized as an established day. Each year, more and more valiant animal protection organizations and caring individuals are joining together to shed light on the tragedy of dog and cat overpopulation and the importance of spaying and neutering.

This is a crisis that condemns millions of companion animals to death every year at an expenditure of millions of taxpayer dollars. Unwanted animals are brought into this world by irresponsible owners. We, as a nation of people who pride ourselves on caring for the less fortunate, need to educate our communities on the importance of spaying and neutering pets to stop the killing.

The Humane Society would really like to see this special day for animals recognized as a chance to make a difference in the number of unwanted pets who are born, simply to die, unwanted and unloved, because there are not enough homes for them all. The Humane Society is asking for your help in this project.

How much would you be willing to spend to save your pet? Fifty dollars? A hundred? A thousand? Those of us who consider our pets part of the family would spend as much as it would take to save them. Now...how much would you be willing to spend to save another pet? How about just twenty dollars? Just \$20 is enough for us to have a local Anderson County pet fixed. Don't think one spay/neuter will make a difference? Consider this: In seven years, one female cat and her offspring can theoretically produce 420,000 cats. In six years, one female dog and her offspring can theoretically produce 67,000 dogs. You could save literally **thousands** of lives by making this small donation. We are counting on **you** to help us change the future for the pets of Anderson County! Please take a few moments to send us a quick donation to help in our efforts. We promise: there couldn't be a better cause than to save the lives of homeless pets.

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SPOTLIGHT ON:



#220 Kylie-Sponsored

Domestic Short Hair-black

"My name is Kylie and I'm a beautiful solid black kitty who came to the shelter from down on Jenny Lillard Road. I had been there for a couple of months, but I came out here so that they can find me a new home, where I can have a family of my own." Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of Kylie's adoption fee.

#186 Gretel-Sponsored

Fox Terrier

"Well hello! Are you here to see little ol' me? Why I'm very happy you're here! I'm sharing a kennel with a little dog they picked up with me. We were hanging around down on Hammonds Creek Road. I figured our owners would come to get us, but they haven't shown up yet! Can you believe that? How rude! We'll both be up for adoption on July 24th." Thank you to an anonymous donor, who sponsored a portion of Gretel's adoption fee. Now she can go home at a reduced rate!



#238 Bert

Domestic Short Hair - orange and white

"My name is Bert and I'm a sweet little kitty who was brought out to the shelter by some people who live down on Johnson Road. I had been hanging around there, but they couldn't keep me so they brought me here so that the shelter people could find me a home of my own. I'm only about twelve weeks old and I'm really looking forward to meeting my new pet parents."

#200 Rudy

Basset Hound, Chow Chow *Mix*

"My name is Rudy and I'm at the shelter cause my owners said they couldn't keep me anymore. I don't know why. I'm a really sweet boy and I'm good with kids too. I'm only about three years old and I'm make a good dog for somebody. Hopefully it will be you!"



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