

Pet Safety

Hot Weather Tips



The summer can be a fun time of the year for all. The Central New York SPCA would like to make sure that is true for our pets. The CNYSPCA would like to remind all pet owners of some simple precautions to make summer a safe and stress free time of year for our pets.

- Always provide plenty of fresh water for your pets!
- Make sure you have a cool, shady area for your pet while he is outside. Pets should never be left outside for long periods of time!
- NEVER leave your pet in a car!! A car can quickly turn into an oven for a cat or a dog, even with the windows open and the car parked in the shade.
- Try to walk your dogs early in the day or later in the afternoon, when the sun has started to set.
- Keep an eye out for signs of heatstroke:
 - excessive panting
 - red gums
 - disorientation
 - dry gums

If you think your pet may be suffering from heatstroke, cool the body by immersing the pet in a tub of cool water or hosing your pet down, and wrapping them in a cool blanket or towel.

Do not use cold water – it can cause shock and make sure to contact your vet immediately.

- Dogs can burn their foot pads on hot sidewalks and black top, so avoid this area when ever possible!
- Dogs with flat faces or heavy coats, older animals and overweight animals are at greater risk for overheating during the summer months, so pay extra attention to them!

By taking some extra time to follow these simple precautions, the summer can be a safe and fun filled time of the year for the WHOLE family. For more information, please contact the Central New York SPCA at 315-454-4479 or via email at mail@cnyspca.org