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Summer Dangers

After a long, cold winter, summer is finally here. The birds are chirping, the sun is shining, and we can finally go outside to enjoy ourselves. However, summer also has hidden dangers for our pets. Here are some dangers and some suggestions to help keep them safe during this time.

The temperature is rising along with the dangers. Insects such as mosquitoes, fleas, and ticks thrive and multiply rapidly during these months. These pests can bring with them such diseases as heartworm, bartonella (cat scratch fever), and Lyme's disease just to name a few. Keep your pets safe by giving them heartworm, flea, and tick prevention all year round!

Summer is also a time for BBQs, parties, and vacations. Although these events are fun for humans, they can pose dangers for your pets.

People food can be harmful to your pet. Bones can be a choking hazard or break teeth. Fatty foods can cause diarrhea, vomiting, and possibly pancreatitis. Some foods can be toxic for our pets also. For more information, refer to this link: <https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/people-foods-avoid-feeding-your-pets>

Heat Stroke is a serious medical condition that can lead to complications including seizures, organ failure, and even death. Leaving a pet inside a parked car is the most common cause of heat stroke. If you leave your pet in the car while shopping or running errands, please leave the air conditioning on. Also, providing your pet with shade, water, and limiting their activity while outdoors will help protect them from the damages the extreme heat of summer can pose. Have a great summer and keep your pets

Is Your Pet at Risk?

Why are Rabies vaccinations important?

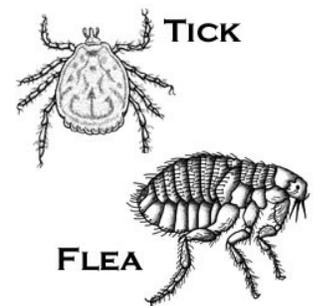
Not only is it state law that all domesticated animals be vaccinated for rabies, but it's also important for your animal's overall health. If your pet is overdue or unvaccinated and they bite someone, your pet will

have to be tested for rabies by the State of Michigan. Unfortunately rabies testing can not be done on a living animal. If your vaccinated pet bites someone the protocol is 60 days confinement, and you are responsible for any fees that may occur. This can all be avoided! **July 17th**

and 18th are the dates of our annual rabies clinic! A one year vaccine is \$20.00 and three year vaccine is \$26.00! Call us right now to schedule an appointment to protect your dog(s) and cat(s) today and get a great price on a rabies vaccine!

Upcoming Events

- **July-**
17th & 18th
Rabies Clinic
- **September-**
10% off all Spays and Neuters



There are numerous products out there that are used for flea and tick prevention. They come in both oral and topical applications. We are proud to carry Bravecto which is a chewable tablet that kills fleas, prevents flea infestations, and kills 4 different kinds of ticks for up to 12 weeks. That is three whole months of coverage in one convenient pill. Call us to find out more.

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