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Pet Safety & Disaster Preparedness



OVER 1 MILLION
lost pets have returned home with

Microchip Your Pet Today!

The springtime and summer months can be troublesome in the Chicagoland area as far as natural events are concerned. Tornadoes, storms, flooding, and high winds can be locally and personally devastating to both human and animal. The following are some tips to keep your pet safe during a natural disaster: The #1 is have your pet microchipped. Even the most loyal pet may instinctively run away from the terror and noises. If they are rescued this will make identification much easier rather than just a collar or tag. Also, make sure to have a cage or carrier in close proximity that will comfortably fit your pet in case of sudden evacuation. It is always important to make sure they are up to date on vaccinations. Their exposure risk will be much greater after a disaster. In an emergency, your pet will need fresh food and water. If possible, be ready with sealed water bottles and a food. Many pets have medication needs as well. Always have a 5 day supply of medication available. Disasters can cause great anxiety in our pets and a favorite toy or blanket may come in handy as well to make them feel more comfortable. Though these disasters can turn your whole life upside down, taking these steps now to protect your family pets can help ease the anxiety of losing your beloved pet.

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Important web links:

- www.homeagain.com
- www.redcross.org/take-a-class/cpr/performing-cpr/pet-cpr
- www.poopbrigade.com
- www.pethealthnetwork.com

Pet First Aid Kit

Important Items to include:

- Leash
- Extra Collar
- Sealed water
- Basic 1st Aid Kit
- 5 days worth of medications
- Sealed container of food
- Bottle of Dawn dish soap
- Small bag of kitty litter
- Towel
- Emergency phone numbers such as regular vet, ER Vet hospital, and Poison Control

Dog Survives 9 days buried under Tornado Wreckage

In November 2013, a tornado crashed through Washington, IL, destroying Jacob Montgomery's third floor apartment. He then found himself separated from his 6 month old pitbull, Dexter. After searching through debris for 9 days, there was no sign of Dexter. A sigh of relief fell over Montgomery when he was sent a message through Facebook from a group called, "Rescuing Animals in Need." Dexter was partially buried in the wreckage of the apartment building and they needed his help to rescue him. Dexter started wiggling his tail as soon as he heard Montgomery and managed to wriggle his body out with his owner's motivation and hotdog treats. He was malnourished and had a few cuts and bruises, but no major injuries. Montgomery expressed that he had lost his home, but all he really cared about was finding Dexter. Stories like these represent how important rescue organizations can truly be in crisis like these.

Hot car=Hot Oven

On January 1st, 2019, a new law was passed in Illinois that allows law enforcement to intervene if a pet is in a life threatening situation. These situations include a pet left in extreme COLD or HOT weather conditions in a vehicle. They are able to take temporary custody over the animal. This does not mean that citizens can break windows open on their own, but call 911 if a pet is in danger. The law enforcement officer must seek immediate veterinary care with costs responsible to the owner of the animal. Temperatures in even mild weather can reach deadly conditions in only minutes in a vehicle with little air flow. The AVMA reports that hundreds of pets die each year of heat stroke related causes due to being left in hot parked cars. These new laws being passed as part of the Animal Anti-cruelty Act are in hopes of reducing the amount of pets exposed to this horrible, traumatic death. Most people know the feeling of getting into their hot car after a long day of work. Just imagine being trapped inside this oven yourself and eventually suffocating.

CAR TEMPERATURE PET SAFETY CHART

How long does it take for a car to get HOT?

Outside Temp (F)	Inside Temp (F)	
	10mins	30mins
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°

DOGS DIE EVERY SUMMER
In minutes your car temps are deadly!



VeterinaryClinic.com

Cocoa Bean Mulch

Please remember your pets this season when making your flower and garden beds beautiful. Cocoa bean mulch has gained popularity for its aroma and pleasing color. It does, however, contain theobromine and caffeine, just like actual chocolate. The smell entices your dog to ingest large



poisonous to your family member. Dogs that swallow too much may have vomiting, diarrhea, increased heart rate, tremors, and seizures. The smaller the dog, the greater the risk. It's hard to know how much mulch is too much. Your best bet is to consult your veterinarian if ingestion has occurred.

Download the Crest Hill Animal Hospital App today!! Have your pets vaccine record and information on hand in case of Emergency!!

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Too HOT to TROT

Burnt Paw pads are a risk to your pet during the summer months here in Illinois. As summer months approach,



use the 7 second rule. If you cannot hold the back of your hand to the pavement for at least 7 seconds, then it is TOO HOT for your pets feet as well.

HOT ASPHALT AWARENESS

AIR VS ASPHALT TEMP	
AIR	ASPHALT
77	125
86	135
87	143

125° F - skin destruction can occur in 60 seconds
131° F - an egg can fry in 5 mins

These temperature are worst scenarios: direct sun, no wind, low humidity & high radiant energy

ASPHALT SAFETY
PRESS THE BACK OF YOUR HAND FIRMLY AGAINST THE ASPHALT FOR 7 SECONDS TO VERIFY IT WILL BE COMFORTABLE FOR YOUR PET.



Pet Employee Spotlight

Introducing our newest, CHAH family member, Ruger! This adorable field spaniel puppy belongs to Aliyah, our former Kennel attendant turned CSR. He has high hopes of being a hunting partner and loves coming to work each day with his mom.

