

Holiday Safety: Labor Day

Labor Day weekend is a time for family, fun, and celebration, but it can also bring hidden dangers for pets. To keep your furry friends safe, follow these essential tips from the team at FVRC.



BBQ & Picnic Dangers

- Keep food and trash out of your pet's reach: bones, onions, garlic, corn cobs, alcohol, and fatty meats can be toxic.
- Ask guests not to feed your pets scraps.
- If your pet eats something harmful, call FVRC immediately.



Heat & Dehydration

- Southwest Florida's summer heat can cause heatstroke quickly.
- Always provide fresh water and shaded rest areas.
- Avoid long outdoor activities during 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Watch for warning signs: excessive panting, drooling, lethargy, vomiting, or collapse.



Travel & Crowded Events

- Make sure your pet's ID tags and microchip are up to date.
- Secure pets in a crate or harness while traveling.
- Bring familiar blankets, toys, or treats to reduce stress.



Fireworks & Loud Noises

- Keep pets indoors in a secure, quiet space.
- Use calming sounds, white noise, or a fan to reduce stress.
- Talk to your veterinarian about anxiety medications or natural calming aids if needed.



Water Safety

- Always supervise pets near pools, lakes, and the beach.
- Use pet life jackets when boating.
- Rinse off salt, chlorine, or sand to prevent skin irritation.
- Bring plenty of fresh water. Pool and ocean water can make pets sick.

Keep your pets safe, healthy, and happy this Labor Day. FVRC is proud to be your trusted partner in 24/7 pet care whenever you need us.

Holiday festivities can be wonderful, but they come with unique risks for pets. By preparing in advance, you can help your pet feel safe and secure, making the day enjoyable for every member of your family.

 flvrc.com

 (239) 992-8878

 9220 Estero Park Commons Blvd, #7, Estero, FL, 33928