

Summertime PET HAZARDS

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Foxtails

- Type of grass common in yards and on paths and hillsides
- Embeds in eyes, ears, noses, paws and skin, often requiring surgical removal

TIP Check your pet thoroughly after being outdoors



Ear infections

- Often caused by trapped water
- Dry your dog thoroughly after bathing or swimming

TIP Ask your vet about ear cleaning products



Ear infections
\$149

Sunscreen

- Ingredients dangerous to pets: PABA, zinc oxide and salicylic acid
- Effects range from nausea and diarrhea to organ failure

TIP Keep sunscreen in a closed beach bag



Heat stroke
\$574

Heat stroke

- Signs include rapid panting, vomiting, weakness and seizures
- It only takes a few minutes to reach deadly temps inside a parked car—even with windows open

TIP Provide plenty of water and a cool place to rest



Burns

- Pets can get sunburns and skin cancer
- Hot sidewalks are painful and can burn paw pads

TIP Ask your vet about pet-safe sunscreens

Burns
\$138

Average cost to treat*:

Flea & tick meds

Pyrethrins and pyrethroids (common in flea & tick meds for dogs) are extremely toxic to cats

TIP Never apply dog flea products on cats



Near drownings

- Incidents increase during summer
- Consider buying a pet life jacket or pool ramp

TIP Take a pet CPR class



Near drownings
\$514

Rattlesnake bites

- Signs include difficulty breathing, bleeding, shock and organ failure
- Do not attempt first aid—seek immediate veterinary attention instead

TIP Ask your vet about rattlesnake vaccines



Average cost of rattlesnake vaccine
\$30*

Salt water

- Excessive intake can cause salt poisoning
- Signs include vomiting, diarrhea, incoordination and seizures

TIP Bring a bottle of water for your dog when you visit the beach



Pool chemicals

- Undiluted chemicals are corrosive if ingested
- Can cause ulcers in the mouth, esophagus and stomach

TIP Store pool chemicals in a locked, secure area

Bug bites

\$144

Bugs

Insect and spider bites can cause allergic reactions and spread disease



TIP Remove standing water in your yard and keep pets away from hives and woodpiles

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