

# Summertime PET HAZARDS

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Protect pets from these seasonal threats

## 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

## 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

\$165<sup>1</sup>

## 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

## Heatstroke

- 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

\$695<sup>1</sup>

## Near drownings

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

**TIP** Take a pet CPR class

\$409<sup>1</sup>

## 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

## 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

\$32<sup>2</sup>

## Ear infections

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

**TIP** Ask your vet about ear cleaning products

\$161<sup>1</sup>

## 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

## Bugs

Insect bites can cause allergic reactions and spread disease

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

\$155<sup>1</sup>

## 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



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