### Summertime PET HAZARDS

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**Summertime**

#### 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

#### 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

#### Ear infections
- **Often caused by trapped water**
- **Dry your dog thoroughly after bathing or swimming**

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

#### Near drownings
- **Incidents increase during summer**
- **Consider buying a pet life jacket or pool ramp**

**TIP**
- Take a pet CPR class

#### 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

#### Bugs
- **Insect bites can cause allergic reactions and spread disease**
- **Remove standing water in your yard and keep pets away from hives and woodpiles**

**TIP**
- Never apply dog flea products on cats

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

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

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**Average cost to treat. Nationwide® claims data.**

**Average cost of rattlesnake vaccine.**

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