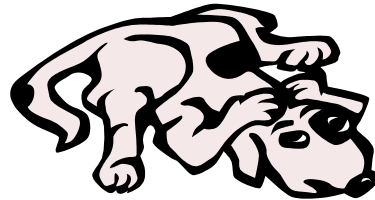
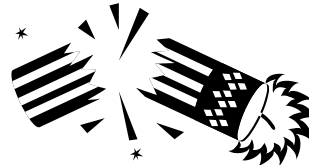


JULY 4TH SAFETY

For most people, fireworks displays are an integral part of celebrating Independence Day. Our pets, however, usually find the noise and flashes of light very disturbing. The following precautions will help protect your pets during the July Fourth festivities.

- Don't take your pet to the fireworks displays. A stressed animal may try to escape or may even nip someone while unnerved by noise and lights.
- Keep your pets in a safe place indoors. Keep any items your pet could destroy or that would be harmful to them out of reach. You may want to turn on a radio or television to help drown out the outside "booms" and "cracks".
- If your pet has become seriously upset and distressed by loud noises in the past, consult with your veterinarian for ways to help alleviate the fear and anxiety he or she will experience during the fireworks displays.
- Don't leave pets outside and unattended, even in a fenced yard or on a chain. Your pet may panic, escape and get lost, or become injured when trying to escape the chain or fence.

- Dispose of all fireworks properly. Pets may eat left over fragments, developing digestive problems or even serious injuries.
- Make sure your pet is wearing identification at all times. The days preceding the July 4th holiday and following it are often the busiest time of the year for shelters because of the numbers of animals lost due to the excitement of the holiday.



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WHEN TEMPERATURES RISE, YOUR PETS NEED PROTECTION FROM THE SUN AND HEAT

To protect your pets from hot weather hazards, please follow these tips:

- Never leave your pet in a parked car—even if it is parked in the shade. Even cracked windows won't protect your pet. In a hot car, a dog's or cat's temperature can rise rapidly and to a dangerous level within a few minutes. Heat-stroke and even death can occur. **Please don't take your pet shopping with you in the summer!**
- Always make sure your pet has a sufficient quantity of fresh, cool, clean water available in a tip-proof container. Make sure the quantity is adequate for your breed of dog. Remember, dogs and cats drink more on hot days.
- Do not use a metal bowl or bucket as the sun will quickly heat the metal and the water.
- If your dog or cat is out during the day, remember that asphalt and concrete can get very hot and burn the pads of their feet. It's smart, and the law, that you need to provide plenty of shade and a well-constructed doghouse for animals staying outside. If your dog is outside longer than 20 minutes, the City Code requires that it have shelter to protect it from extreme temperatures and inclement weather.

- The City Code also requires that your dog have access to suitable shade, other than the doghouse, at all times.
- Don't force your animal to exercise after a meal in hot, humid weather. Exercise your dog in the early morning or evening hours, instead of during the middle of the day when it's hottest.
- Keep your pet away from unfamiliar yards and grassy areas as many people treat their lawns with pesticides and fertilizers, which can cause severe intestinal upset in dogs and cats when ingested. Some types of mulch can also be hazardous.
- Keep your pet well-groomed, but resist the temptation to shave off all of his hair in an effort to keep him cool. Your pet's coat will protect him from getting sunburned. A matted coat traps the heat, attracts parasites and can cause skin sores.
- Keep your pet away from spots or puddles of auto coolant in the garage, driveways or parking lots. The sweet taste of this poisonous liquid is tempting to animals, but can be fatal. You might consider using a more pet-friendly variety of coolant that is

less toxic.

- Don't let your dog ride in the back of an open vehicle, such as a pick-up truck. He could slide around, bounce or jump out of the moving vehicle. Also, the floor of the truck bed can get extremely hot and may burn the pads of your dog's feet. If your dog must travel in the back of an open vehicle, make sure he's in a kennel, safely tethered to the floor of the truck bed.
- Do not allow your dog to hang out of the window of a moving car. Objects such as rocks or tree limbs might hit your pet, or he/she might fall or jump out.
- Check your pet daily for fleas and ticks, and talk to a veterinarian about preventing these insects from infesting your pet.
- Have your pet checked for heartworm, and administer heartworm preventative medication.
- Take your pets inside if there is the possibility of a thunderstorm. Loud thunder may frighten them, or lightning could strike them.

