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Summer Hazards

Summertime presents many hazards for our furry friends. In this newsletter we would like to update you with some of the potential hazards that your pet may face, and provide advice to address the situation. For any summertime hazards concerns that you may have, please contact us at (780) 458 6051.



Signs of Heat Stroke

Heat stroke is a fever caused by heat. Normally our pets have a body temperature of 38 degrees Celsius. When affected by heat stroke, their body temperature can increase to 41.5 degrees or more. This can lead to unconsciousness and even death.

Consider the following situations that may induce heat stroke:

- Animals with flat faces and/or short snouts are more susceptible because panting is more difficult.
- Heavy coated dogs such as Huskies and German Shepherds are at greater risk
- Young and old animals are in greater danger because they are unable to acclimatize effectively
- Animals with health problems should never be exposed to excessive heat. These medical problems may include a history of seizures, heart disease, lung disease, etc.
- Exercising pets in hot, humid conditions is dangerous even if water is nearby.

If you are concerned that your pet may be affected by heat stroke, contact your veterinarian immediately. Meanwhile, the objective is to keep your pet cool. Air conditioned vehicles and cool towels can help to reduce your pet's body temperature. It is important to seek veterinary attention after a pet is affected by heat stroke as problems can occur hours or even days after the incident.



Symptoms

- Panting
- Sweating
- Salivating
- Difficulty in breathing
- Vomiting
- Bloody diarrhea
- High body temperature (above 40 degrees Celsius)
- Increased heart and respiratory rate
- Dehydration



Extended Hours Beginning May 2nd!!

In order to better serve our clients, we will be extending our hours of operation beginning Monday, May 2nd. Tudor Glen Veterinary Hospital will be open until 9:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Hours of operation are subject to change and will be updated on the website regularly.

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Uh-Oh! Sprayed by a Skunk

If you believe that your pet bit the skunk, or the skunk bit your dog, it is important to contact your veterinarian immediately to take precaution against rabies. Skunk spray in the eyes can cause intense discomfort. You will see squinting, light avoidance and red eyes. Rinse eyes well with water, preferably, soft contact lens solution or other saline solution. Do NOT use medicated eye drops designed for humans. Contact your veterinarian regarding the need for further evaluation. However, the following formula may be helpful:

- 1 litre of 3% hydrogen peroxide
- ¼ cup baking soda
- 1 tbsp. liquid dish detergent



Mix just prior to applying. Apply to hair coat in affected areas and let sit for 15 minutes. Rinse well with warm water. Animals with dark coats may be slightly bleached. Keep solution out of eyes.

Q: Can Dogs Get Sunburned?

A: Absolutely. We know how painful sunburn can be so it is vital that we take precautionary measures to prevent our pets from getting sun burnt. Like humans, some dogs can burn in as little as 10 minutes, while others may take 30 minutes or more. It is important to limit your pet's exposure to the sun. Dogs with light fur, short fur, pink noses, and light colored skin are more susceptible to burning. "Pet sunscreen" is available from your veterinarian or local pet store. The areas which require extra sun protection are their noses, ear tips, paws, the fur along their head and back and even their abdomen (as their coat is thinner in this area and extra sunlight can reflect up from the sidewalk or hot white sand). A few additional suggestions to help prevent sun burn are: a t-shirt fitted on their body which will keep their back and abdomen protected and "muttluks" (dog boots) can protect their paws from hot asphalt or sand.



The Dangers of Riding in Pick-Up Trucks

Dogs can easily fall, jump, or be thrown from the bed of a pick-up truck. This causes them to suffer from multiple fractures, abdominal and chest trauma and severe cuts and bruises. In many cases, dogs who manage to survive the fall are hit and fatally injured by other vehicles. Tying dogs to the trucks can also be dangerous because dogs who jump or fall may be hanged or dragged alongside the vehicle causing severe abrasions. Additionally, the hot metal of the truck box can burn dogs feet. Dogs riding in the hot sun without shade may suffer from heatstroke. Do not cover the bed of the pick-up with a tarp or shell as it may expose dogs to potentially lethal carbon monoxide poisoning. Dogs can experience eye injuries when bugs, sand, debris or other objects are blown into their eyes when trucks travel at high speeds. **The safest way for your pet to travel is inside the truck with his or her owner.**



Stagnant Water

Stagnant water can be present in swimming pools, ponds, lakes, water dishes, etc. It is important to recognize these bodies of water and the potential hazards they present. Water dangers in summer extend past drowning. Parasites and bacteria find a home in stagnant water and can make your pet very sick. If your pet slurps unquestionable water look for diarrhea, vomiting, and gas. These signs may indicate that your pet has ingested something harmful and requires veterinary care.

Bad Breath Be-Gone

Are you looking for a simple, yet effective way to fight oral bacteria? Biotene drinking water additive is specially formulated with seven enzymes to help control bacteria that cause tarter and bad breath. It is as simple as adding two pumps to every four cups of drinking water.



Pet Insurance – It's not just for Pups

Many insurance plans base their premiums on breed rather than age, making pet insurance available for pets at any age. Insurance gives you the peace of mind in knowing that your pet(s) is protected should any unexpected healthcare costs arise. Please don't hesitate to ask any member of our team for additional information.

