



Cardinal Animal Hospital

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WEATHER TIPS FOR YOUR PET

HOT WEATHER

- Never leave your pet alone in a vehicle. The temperature inside vehicles can rise very quickly even if the vehicle is parked in the shade. Your pet can quickly overheat.
- If your dog stays out doors, provide it with plenty of cool water and a shady area.
- Brachycephalic dogs (short or snub nose dogs such as bull dogs, pugs, Boston terriers, lhasa apsos, and shih tzus) are very sensitive to hot weather.
- Antifreeze and vehicle coolant is poisonous to animals. Even a small amount leaking from a car, ingested by your pet, can be fatal.
- Avoid taking your pet on walks or runs during the hottest part of the day. Chose the early morning or evening hours when the weather is cooler.
- Don't leave your dog standing on hot asphalt. It can burn your dog's paws and cause his body temperature to rise.
- Keep your longhaired dog groomed. Trimming and brushing out the undercoat will keep him much cooler.

COLD WEATHER

- During our cold months cats like to get up inside engines of cars for the warmth the engine provides. A lot of cats are injured or killed when the car is started. If there are outdoor cats in your neighborhood, bang on the hood of your car to scare away any cats that may be up in your engine.
- Do not have an outdoor dog trimmed in the winter. The fur provides insulation against the cold.
- After your pet comes in from a walk in the snow, wipe off their feet and legs. If your pet licks his paws before they are wiped off, he may ingest ice melt, which can be toxic.
- Never leave your pet in your vehicle alone in the winter. Temperatures fall quickly in a car just as quickly as they rise in the summer.
- If you own a breed with short hair, consider getting a sweater or a coat.
- If your pet has a condition such as arthritis, minimize his trips outside. Leave him out only long enough to relieve him/herself.
- Do not leave your pet outside on snow and ice for long periods of time. Their sensitive paws can crack and bleed from the cold.
- Always make sure your pet has a warm place to sleep at night away from drafts.

Thank you for your business and please contact us if you have any further questions or concerns. Cardinal Animal Hospital