

Here are important summer tips for pet care:

Never leave pets in a hot car: It can take MINUTES before a pet can develop heat stroke and suffocate. It is best advised to leave pets at home during a hot day. If you do decide to take your pet out, bring water and a water dish and, if possible, bring your pet with you when you leave the car.

Make sure your pet is protected: Make regular visits to the vet and ask for protection from parasites. Parasites include ticks, fleas, and mosquitos. Otherwise, your dog is at risk for heartworm.

Watch for the paws: During hot weather, surfaces such as asphalt or metal can get extremely hot! Try to keep your pet off of these surfaces; not only can it burn their paws, but it can also increase body temperature and lead to overheating.

Must have access to water: Pets get much thirstier than humans do when they get hot, and other than panting and drinking, they really have no way to cool themselves down. Also, provide your pet shade as often as possible.

Pets do not always know how to swim: Dogs and cats may not always know how to swim. It is always advised to keep pets away from swimming pools.

Pets can easily get sunburn: Pets can also get sunburn, and it can be as painful for them as for humans. Always watch out for prolonged exposure in the sun.