

SUMMER SAFETY for PETS

Summer is packed full of festivities including 4th of July celebrations, reunions, fairs, amusement parks, and concerts, but these are not fun places for your pets. The loud noises and crowds, combined with the heat can be stressful and dangerous for your pets. Never leave your dog in a car during the summer, even for a very short amount of time. Always assure fresh clean cool water is available.

Never use fireworks around pets! Exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns and/or trauma to the face and paws of curious pets. Even unused fireworks can pose a danger, as many contain potentially toxic substances, including potassium nitrate, arsenic and other heavy metals. Keep pets away from the noise of fireworks. Provide pets a quiet, sheltered, escape proof area. Ms C's Bed & Biscuits, with a full acoustical steel building provides a relaxing, safe environment far away from the noisy outdoor world.

Keep pets cool, and comfortable during these hot summer days. Dogs regulate their body temperature by panting and releasing sweat through the pads of their feet. Grooming is critical during summer months. If you hear "clicks" on the floor as your dog walks, their feet need care. Keeping the pads of feet clean of hair growth, and a trim can keep the dog cool. According to John Carrigan, Ms C's groomer "We humans can put on a pair of shorts and a tank top, while our dogs or cats are still wearing a full set of furry coveralls. If you're uncomfortable, your pet is uncomfortable!" Proper hair length is important. Do not get the dog completely shaved. A proper length coat protects the dog from sunburn and acts as an insulator from the heat, helping it stay cool and regulates body temperature.

Daycare is offered at Ms C's, Monday, Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM. As you plan your "fun summer outing" call Ms C's to arrange entertainment for your pet, plus a grooming at the same time.