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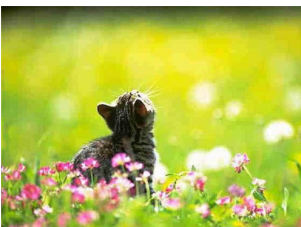
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Fun and Facts:

- Idaho Vet Hospital can now text message your pets reminders to you. Let us know if you'd like to be on the text reminder list.
- Cats see 6 times better at night time than humans
- Insects shiver when they're cold
- All penguins, except those in captivity, live south of the equator
- The Scarlet Ibis bird is considered an ancient species with fossils dating back 60 million years



Top 3 Summer Hazards for Pets

Just like the winter, the summer months bring with them many health hazards for our pets and it's important to know what to look for to ensure our pets stay safe during this fun filled time of the year.

1. Summer Heat

Cats and dogs have thick layer of fur which makes it very difficult for them to stay cool under the blazing sun. They use panting as a way to release some of the heat but without assistance from you, it will not be enough to keep them cool.



- ◆ Always have fresh cool water out for your pet, heat easily causes dehydration
- ◆ Never leave your pet in a car, temperatures inside can reach above 120 degrees within minutes
- ◆ Exercise with your pet at cooler times of the day and let them take frequent water breaks
- ◆ Let your pets go for a swim to cool down
- ◆ Signs of heat exhaustion: heavy panting, hyperventilation, weakness and confusion

If you see signs of possible heat stroke in your pet, contact us immediately. Have a safe and fun filled summer!

2. Stings

Bee stings are a common occurrence during the summer not only for people but for our pets as well. Some pets are allergic to these stings just like humans are and may need medical attention due to a sting.

- ◆ Signs of a bee sting: swelling, difficulty breathing and sometimes fainting.

If you have noticed your pet exhibiting any of these signs for no apparent reason contact us immediately.



3. Toxic Hazards

According to the Animal Poison Hotline, summer time poses additional toxicity risks; especially for pet owners that use fertilizers and pesticides in their gardens. Read manufacturer instructions regarding use around pets to ensure there is no chance of toxicity and store garden chemicals far out of reach from pets.