

Tips on Keeping Cats, Other Pets Safe

Advice includes keeping pets out of hot cars and away from fireworks.

Summer is finally here, and warmer weather means more outdoor activities with our pets. While a bit of fresh air and sunshine are good for everyone, steps must be taken to keep pets healthy.

Dr. Diane Levitan, VMD, and founder/director of The Center for Specialized Veterinary Care (CSVV) shares her expertise on keeping pets safe this summer. Her tips include:

Don't leave animals alone in the car during long trips. Pets can suffocate in the heat, even if the windows are rolled down.

At a family BBQ? Keep corn cobs and peach pits away from your pets. They can easily choke on your leftovers.

Fireworks are a no pet zone. Loud noises from displays can easily cause animals to have a panic attack. Keep them in a safe, quiet place while you enjoy the show.

Watch for signs of heat exhaustion. Just like their owners, pets need shade and plenty of water on hot summer days.

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