

7 TIPS To keep your PET SAFE this summer



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Campus Veterinary Clinic wants you and your pet to have a safe, exciting summer. Here's a few things to keep in mind while you're out adventuring:

Never leave your pet in a closed vehicle on a hot day. The temperature inside a car can rise to over 100 degrees in a matter of minutes. California State Law declares that it is unlawful to, "Leave or confine an animal in any unattended motor vehicle under conditions that endanger the health or well-being of an animal due to heat ... or other circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause suffering." Simply stated, when in doubt, *just don't do it.*

Avoid strenuous exercise on extremely hot days. Take walks in the early mornings or evenings, when the sun's heat is less intense. Dogs that are *brachycephalic*

(or "short-faced"), such as Bulldogs & Boxers, have an especially hard time in the heat because they do not pant as efficiently as longer-faced dogs. Keep this in mind when it comes time for exercise.

Fleas and ticks, and the mosquitos which carry heartworm disease, are more prevalent in warmer months. Campus Veterinary Clinic offers a wide array of products and services meant to keep your pet free of disease-carrying critters!

Remember how sensitive your pet's skin can be. Dogs, especially those with short hair, white fur, and pink skin, can sunburn. Limit your dog's exposure during the day and apply sunblock to his ears and nose 30 minutes before going outside. Hot asphalt or sand can burn your dog's paws, so limit your exposure. Consider clipping or shaving dogs with long

coats as this can aid in keeping your pet cool.

Water, water everywhere! Keep clean, cold water in multiple spots around your home. If your pet ventures outside keep clean water sources in shady spots.

Know the signs of heatstroke. Extreme temperatures can cause heatstroke. Heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure, and unconsciousness... each can indicate an emergency at hand. And lastly...

Foxtail plants can create a costly and uncomfortable injury. Know how to identify them and avoid them. Clear your pet's environment of these hazards and coast into an easy, carefree summer!

Breed of the Month: The Bengal

Desired for its wild and exotic appearance, the Bengal cat was first bred in the late 1970's by combining the Asian Leopard Cat and common domestic cats. The goal was to harnessing the beauty of a wild cat and balance it with the temperament of domestic cats.

The first thing most people notice about the Bengal cat is the striking coat! Not only is it beautiful to look at, but it's also very soft and sleek and many Bengals appear to "glow" in the right light. Bengals have two basic fur patterns: the more common spotted pattern and a swirly marbled coat. Both types are often tri-colored with various shades forming the unique markings.

The tri-coloring is what can give spotted Bengals "rosettes" – where each individual spot has an outline of a darker color, giving a look similar to that of a Jaguar, for example. Not all Bengals have defined rosettes – most have spots more like a Leopard.

Bengal cats are usually quite large: males weigh on average between 10 – 15 lbs. and females 8 – 12 lbs.

So here's the thing... Bengals are not your laid-back, lap cat. They are often quite mischievous and can be a handful, so if you're thinking of raising a Bengal... be prepared!

The Bengal is also very intelligent and needs a wide array of stimuli to keep his brain occupied. Invest in toys that challenge your Bengal, and if you're out a lot, another cat is often a great playmate.



Jullo the Bengal

Bengals are also very vocal and loud – they will tell you when they're hungry or when they're ready for you to clean out their litter box (Did I mention they can be fussy over these things?). The Bengal MEOW will not be ignored!

Although Bengals can be naughty and loud, they are also great fun and love to play with their humans. They are affectionate and it's not unusual for them to form a great loyalty to members of your household.

Their intelligence means they are easy to train and many react well to clicker training. It's not uncommon for Bengal owners to train their cats to go for a walk on a harness and leash.

Bengals are generally very healthy cats. As with all full bred kitties, search out a reputable and registered breeder. The life expectancy is the same as many other cats: 14 – 16 years. In line with other pedigree breeds, there are some diseases that they have a slightly higher risk of – Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) and Polycystic Kidney Disease (PkD) being two of the most common disorders. Preventative care is the key to longevity, so let Campus Veterinary Clinic help keep your Bengal healthy, happy, and as mischievous as ever.

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the sweet pics we've
collected...



Charlie Brown



Tiny



Charlie & Julian

Indulge your pup this summer with a cool and satisfying snack: PB Pops!



Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup Peanut Butter
- 2 cups Strawberries, chopped (frozen or fresh)
- 1/2 cup Blueberries (frozen or fresh)
- 1 3/4 cup plain Yogurt, divided
- 4 Rawhide Sticks

First Layer

1/4 cup Peanut Butter
3/4 cup plain Yogurt

Add peanut butter and yogurt to a blender or food processor and blend until smooth.

Second Layer

2 cups Strawberries, chopped
1/4 cup plain Yogurt

Add strawberries and yogurt to a blender or food processor and blend until smooth

Third Layer

1/2 cup Blueberries
3/4 cup plain Yogurt

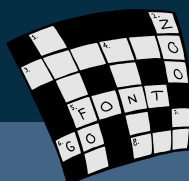
Mix blueberries and yogurt

Directions:



1. Pour an inch or so of your first layer mixture into the bottom of each cup.
2. Allow to freeze for 30 minutes, and insert your rawhide stick.
3. Repeat pouring the layers, allowing them to set 30 minutes in between, until they are all used.
4. Freeze for 8 hours to allow them to fully set.
5. Run warm water around the mold to remove the popsicle. Makes 4 popsicles.

Summer Sizzler

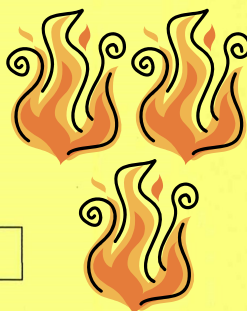
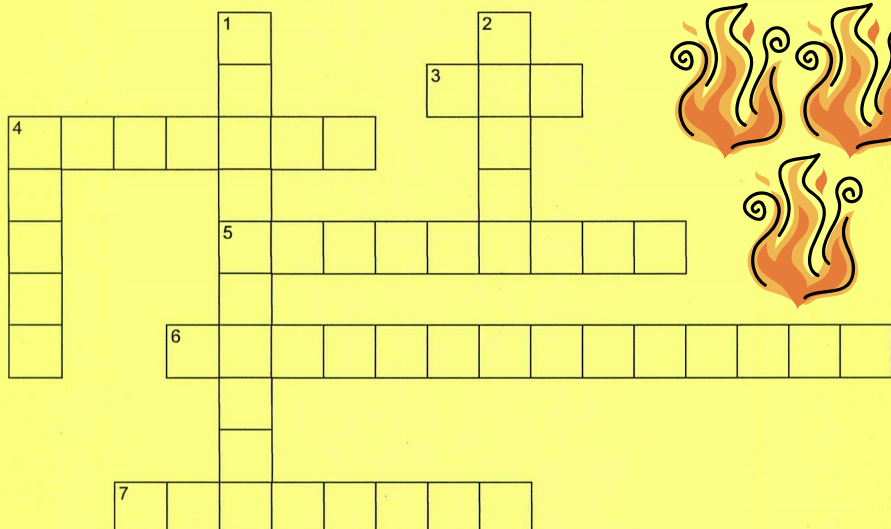


ACROSS

- 3 The temperature inside a _____ can rise to over 100 degrees in a matter of minutes.
- 4 A common plant found in Northern California notorious for the hazard it poses to pets.
- 5 Consider applying _____ to your dog's skin if she or he has a thin coat.
- 6 Dogs that are _____ have an especially hard time in the heat because they do not pant as efficiently as longer-faced dogs.
- 7 Avoid strenuous _____ on extremely hot days.

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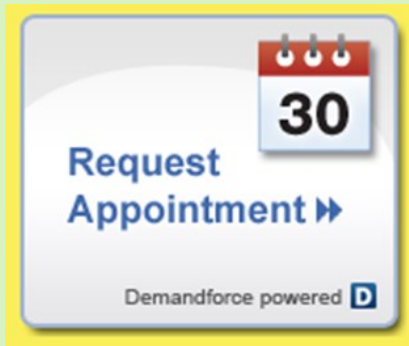
- 1 Heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat can each be an indication of a _____.
- 2 Keep clean, cold _____ in multiple spots around your home.
- 4 _____, ticks, and mosquitoes tend to be more prevalent in warmer months.



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his water bowl
today?**

