

PET SAFETY CHECKLIST

Wag'N wants to help you answer 'YES' to these preparedness questions and more.

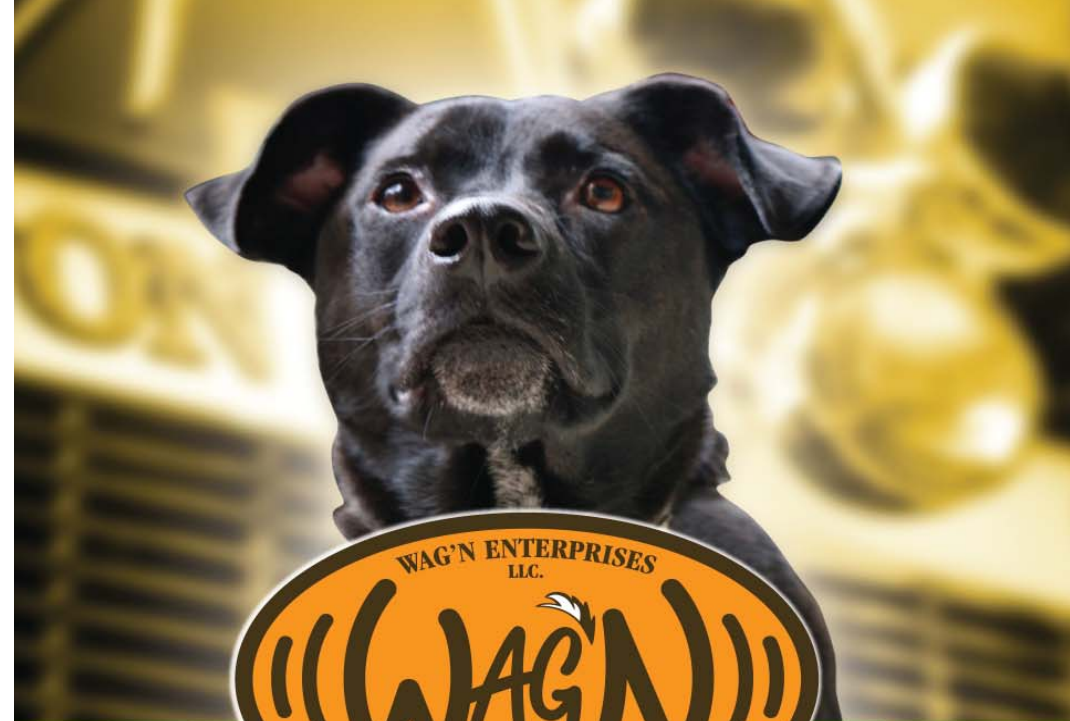
- YES NO
- Do you have a Wag'N Pet First Aid Kit®?
 - Do you know the skills of Pet First Aid?
 - Do you have an all-season, all-hazards evacuation and shelter in place plan that involves your pet(s)?
 - Do you know which shelters you can take your pets to if your city or region is evacuated?
 - Do you carry a Wag'N Pet Passport® for each pet and carry it everywhere you go - keeping immunization records and ownership information handy?
 - Do you have Wag'N Home Alert Stickers affixed to your residence's entrances - letting first responders know you have pet(s) inside?
 - Do you have the number to your local poison control center? ASPCA NATIONAL HOTLINE 1-888-426-4435 (There is a \$65 charge per call)
 - Do you know if your local fire department has pet oxygen masks? (Wag'N O2 Fur Life® can help you save pet lives in your community.)

Start preparing TODAY!

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As the cool weather slowly fades and the mercury rises, families begin preparing for another summer filled with outdoor fun. As children and pets will spend more time outside playing lets review the various summertime hazards that can result in injury or illness to your pet.

Outdoor Threats

PROTECT YOUR PET FROM INSECTS

Flies are more prevalent in the warmer months, and any injury to the skin, even something as small as an abrasion, can be a perfect place for flies to lay eggs. In a short time, these eggs hatch and become maggots. Keeping your pet clean and treating any skin injuries is crucial in avoiding maggot infestations. Depending on how humid Spring was in your area, ticks remain a Summer issue. Make sure to apply Tick Prevention Treatment. Check dog after walks in woods, high grass.

TRASH

Summer heat speeds up decay and decomposition, especially in the trash. Keep your dog away from garbage areas. Pets that have access to garbage or compost can ingest molds that cause significant nervous system abnormalities including severe tremors or seizures.

GASTROINTESTINAL FOREIGN BODIES

At picnics and parties we use a variety of disposable items, such as styro-foam and plastic utensils. Unfortunately, pets may ingest some of these items, leading to gastrointestinal obstruction. Also beware of small balls such as ping pong or racquetballs. Many dogs love to play fetch with these but if they are too small, the ball can become lodged in the throat and obstruct the airway. Make sure the toys you use are large enough to prevent swallowing.

CAR SAFETY

Cars become ovens with temperatures soaring to 120°F/49°C within six to ten minutes. Even with windows open and water, it can take just 20 minutes for dogs to suffer from heatstroke and die an agonising death.

Dogs have sweat glands in the pads of their feet but the most important heat-losing process is panting. Panting is an extremely effective process of heat loss, but it uses large amounts of water, which is why it's essential that dogs have access to plenty of fresh water in hot weather. Never leave a dog alone in a car. During car trips, keep your dog cool, provide fresh air, always ensure a plentiful supply of drinking water, never leave a dog in a sunny place with no shade; exercise & feed your dog out of the heat early morning or evening; carry water with you; learn the signs of heat exhaustion & heat stroke; reconsider taking your dog for a shorter run.

See the Wag'N PET IN DISTRESS HEAT ALERT CARD for Heat Exhaustion & Heat Stroke Signs and On Scene First Aid Instructions.

SUNBURN & ASPHALT

Dog skin is white. The fur protects it some but not againts prolonged exposure especially thin haired dogs and recently shaved dogs are more at risk. Signs include redness and hair loss. It may first appear on the bridge of the nose, ear tips and belly. Like in humans it can result in skin ulcers (aka sores), infections and even cancer that can spread through the body. Wag'N recomends you keep your dog indoors during peak hours from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.; If you have a hairless breed of dog, you may want to consider making them wear a white t-shirt, apply sunscreen to exposed areas, particularly around the nose, ear tips and belly, select pet sunscreen that has an SPF of at least 15 and no PABA or zinc oxide which can be toxic to dogs. Consult your veterinarian regarding the use of sunscreen to help your dog.

Another summer concern is hot pavement. Your dog may need extra protection for his feet. Prolonged running on hot pavement can result in severe burns to the bottom of the pads. Again, walks should be taken during early morning and later evening and try to keep pets walking on grass and dirt rather than pavement.

WATER SAFETY

Usually water activities are fun, relaxing and entertaining, but tragedy can occur without proper caution. Pets can drown in lakes and pools just like people. Restrict access and supervise pets and children around the pool area. Be on the lookout for stagnant pools of water. Algae may form along the edges of stagnant bodies of water. Blue-green algae is very dangerous if ingested. Don't allow your pet to drink stagnant water or algae.

DANGERS OF FIREWORKS

Residential Hazards include alcohol (can be deadly), holiday decorations, candles (keep them away from tails, little hands & festive hands), party food (burgers & other fatty foods), barbecues (risk of severe burns), coal, charcoal, fuel, etc. Other risks include pet escape by fear or to chase/attack the firework. Keep your pets inside, away from the noise, with enough water and occupation, with tags on collar. Do not leave your dog with a Rawhide unsupervised as the choking hazard is just too great.

If you know your pet is afraid of fireworks you may want to consider Natural Remedies (talk to your holistic vet or wag out Bach Remedies) Prescription Meds (talk to your veterinarian), Anxiety Wraps, Mutt-Muffs, Sound Therapy, Desensitization (Talk to your dog trainer). Remember: What works for some does not work for all. REMEMBER: Always check with your veterinarian and behavior specialist before using any drugs or tranquilizers.



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