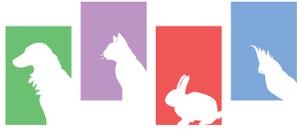


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Summer 2020

Summer Safety Tips

Camping Safety

Considering taking your dog camping? It can be difficult to know what to bring along to be sure your dog will enjoy the experience as much as you do. When preparing for your trip, consider the following:

Temperature

Be sure you can provide plenty of shade and ample fresh water for drinking. Dogs who enjoy swimming may appreciate a body of water nearby where they can cool off. If hiking, remember to bring along a collapsible water dish and a bottle of fresh water.

Certain dog breeds do not do well in high temperatures and may not be suitable camping buddies. Brachycephalic breeds such as bulldogs and pugs, may have difficulties regulating their body temperature in extreme heat due to an elongated soft palate and narrow nasal openings. This can result in hyperthermia and respiratory distress and eventually death.

Boat Safety

Even dogs require lifejackets in case of emergency on the water. Lifejackets are available for all sizes of dogs and should be worn at all times during boating. Excited dogs may jump out of the boat unexpectedly or be tossed overboard with big waves or unexpected events.

When fishing, it is important to always be aware of fishing rods and tackle and the potential dangers associated with this equipment. Always keep fishing tackle out of reach of dogs.

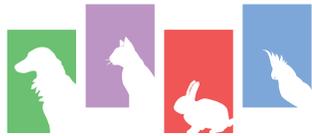
When possible, every effort should be made to provide shade for dogs on board. Your collapsible water dish and fresh water supply will also come in handy while boating.

Adventure Time

With the sun beaming down and the grass turning green, it's time to take the fun outdoors once again! Winter can seem like it never ends for our furry companions and they're just as excited as we are for warm summer months. Here are some fun outdoor activities to share with your dog that will keep you both active and allow you to reap the benefits of the beautiful weather:

- **Hiking** – Go for a hike on one of the many trails Manitoba has to offer. Hiking is a great way for your dog to explore new scenery, allowing them to exercise body and mind. Trails such as Spirit Sands, Pinawa Trail, and Falcon Creek Trail are dog friendly and make for a great adventure.
- **Biking** – Winnipeg offers many paved trails within city limits that are perfect for biking. For first-timers, it is important that you first ease your dog into biking as it can take some time for them to understand your expectations of them and establish a reasonable, steady pace. Check out www.winnipegtrails.ca for a list of bike paths in our city.
- **Patios** – More and more restaurants in Winnipeg are welcoming dogs onto the patio during the summer months. Forth Café, Little Brown Jug, and Chaeban Ice Cream are just to name a few. If you have a special place in mind, call ahead to see if your furry friend would be a welcomed companion.

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Blastomyces spp. is found in the Midwestern US and around the Great Lakes in Canada (including the Kenora region). It is a fungus that lives in the soil and in decaying wood. Blastomycosis will thrive in areas that are moist and removed from sunlight; such as riverbanks, swamps, and near lakes.

Dogs contract blastomycosis by inhaling airborne fungal spores after contaminated soil is disturbed. This can be achieved through digging or an act as simple as following a scent trail. If pets have wounds on their body, the fungus can also enter through the skin.

Blastomycosis will most commonly manifest itself in the lungs, eyes, or skin. In severe infections the fungus can spread to other areas of the body. There are a few diagnostic tests for blastomycosis that can be performed. Most commonly veterinarians will require a urine test which will identify if a blastomycosis antigen is present. Chest radiographs and microscopic analysis of material coming from skin sore can also be performed.

Once diagnosed, the fungal infection can be treated with antifungal medication. Depending on where the fungus has manifested, your dog may also require antibiotics to combat secondary infections. Dogs should be treated for a month after symptoms have regressed, so treatment can be lengthy.

Symptoms of blastomycosis are: fever, loss of appetite/weight loss, coughing/difficulty breathing, eye discharge and redness, difficulty breathing and skin lesions (often filled with pus). Diagnosis may be difficult as it may be mistaken for other problems or disease processes. Be sure to notify your veterinarian of any traveling you do with your pet within infected areas.

Though blastomycosis can infect both pets and people it is not considered zoonotic (transferable between animals and people).

Leptospirosis is on the Rise

Though not very common in Manitoba, Leptospirosis can cause our pets, and ourselves, to become very ill. With more people taking road trips with their four-legged friends it is something to be aware of.

Leptospirosis is a bacterium that can cause disease in cats and dogs, but also in humans. Wildlife are the most common carrier of the Leptospirosis bacteria. This includes raccoons, skunks, squirrels, and deer. The bacteria are spread via contact with an infected animal's urine. This means that if you or your pet comes into contact with water or soil that has been contaminated, they could be at risk. The bacteria enter the body through the skin and mucous membranes (eyes, nose and mouth), so even swimming can be dangerous.

After first contact with the bacteria it can take, on average, 5-14 days for your pet to show symptoms. Examples of common symptoms would be; fever, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, anorexia, weakness, depression, stiffness and muscle pain. If left undiagnosed, Leptospirosis can cause kidney and liver failure. Fortunately, it is treatable with antibiotics.

There is a vaccine that will help protect your furry friend from contracting Leptospirosis, however, it is not 100% effective. The vaccine does not provide immunity for all strains of the bacteria, only the four most common are included. There is still a possibility of your pet becoming infected even if they are vaccinated.

Traveling to area where Leptospirosis is more common will increase your pets' risk of infection. In Canada, there have been reported cases in Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and British Columbia. Since Leptospirosis can be passed from your pet to you, notify your doctor if you pet is being treated.