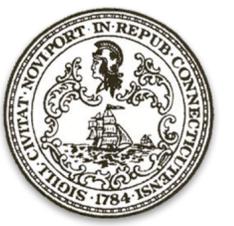




CITY OF NEW HAVEN

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Don't Forget Your Pets *They get hot too!*

Protecting Your Pet in the Summer

- Make sure pets have plenty of fresh water and a shady spot to lay outdoors (keep pets inside when extremely hot out).
- Do not let your pet linger on hot asphalt; paw pads can burn easily.
- Keep your pet's hair short, but never shave them; their hair protects them from the sun.
- Never leave your animals alone in a parked car, this can lead to heat stroke
- Do not leave your pets unsupervised around a pool; not all dogs can swim.
- Remember that animals with flat faces are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively.

Know the symptoms of overheating: excessive panting, difficulty breathing, drooling, mild weakness, vomiting, elevated body heat



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Protecting Your Pet in the Winter

- Towel dry your pet as soon as they come inside, paying attention to the feet and stomach.
- Bathe your pet as little as possible during cold spells; oils in pet's skin keep it moisturized.
- Use petroleum jelly or other paw protectants on paws before going outside to help protect from salt and chemical agents.
- Never shave your pet in winter; a longer coat provides more warmth.
- Feed your pet a little extra in the winter; animals burn more calories trying to stay warm.

Remember: If it's too cold for you, it's probably too cold for your pet!



Building a Preparedness Kit for Your Pet

- **Food / Water:** Keep at least three days of food in an air tight container and three days of water specifically for your pets.
- **Medicines and Medical Records:** Keep an extra supply of medicines your pet takes on a regular basis in a water proof container. Place copies of your pet's registration information, adoption papers, vaccination documents and medical records in a clean plastic bag.
- **Sanitation:** Include pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household bleach.
- **Collar with ID Tags, Harness or Leash:** Your pet should wear a collar with its rabies tag and identification at all times. Include a backup leash, collar and ID tag in your pet's emergency supply kit.
- **Crate or Pet Carrier:** If you need to evacuate in an emergency situation take your pets with you in a sturdy, safe and comfortable crate or carrier.



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