

# For The Love of Dogs!!

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Dogs **love** to go for rides. A dog will happily get into any vehicle going anywhere.

-Dave Barry

### Summer Safety

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Summertime is finally here, which means family fun, BBQs, and vacation. But, for your pet, summer can be the most dangerous time of year, so here are some tips from the ASPCA on how to keep your pet safe in the hot, summer sun:

- Never leave your pet alone in a hot vehicle, even with the windows rolled down. Cars can become as hot as a furnace in a short time, and parking in the shade offers little protection.
- Don't let your dog stand on hot asphalt. His or her body temperature can rise quickly, and the asphalt can burn the pads of the paws.
- The best time to let your dog play outside is either in the early morning or later in the evening, but never after a meal or when it's humid.
- Always carry a gallon thermos of cool, fresh water for your dog when you're traveling.
- When walking your dog, stay away from areas that have been fertilized or sprayed with insecticide. Dogs are attracted to the sweet smell of these poisons. This also applies to coolant and automotive fluids.
- Pay special attention to older and overweight dogs because they will get hotter faster than younger, thinner pets. Also, dogs with snub-noses: Bulldogs, Pugs, Lhasa apsos, Boston terriers and Shih tzus and those with heart or lung diseases are especially sensitive to the heat and should be allowed to stay in air-conditioned areas as much as possible.
- Good grooming is essential and can stave off many of these problems, especially with breeds with long or thick hair. A one-inch shave down is the ideal length because it helps keep your dog from overheating, and it leaves enough hair so your pet won't get sunburned.
- Don't use human sunscreen or insect repellent on your pets. You can purchase these items made specifically for dogs online or at your local pet store.
- Stay alert for signs of overheating in pets, which include excessive panting and drooling and mild weakness, along with an elevated body temperature.
- If you're around water or on a boat, please keep a close eye on your pet, or better yet, you can purchase dog life-jackets to help prevent exhaustion while swimming. And remember, not all dogs can swim.

For more summer safety tips for your pets, please visit [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org).