

PET SAFETY

Be familiar with these pet hazards.

Heat Exhaustion

Dogs and cats don't sweat as much as humans do, so they can overheat easier. Don't leave animals in parked cars on hot days, always bring water on long walks or hikes, and let them cool off in a lake or other water as needed.

Neck Problems

Tugging on a pet's collar can strain its neck. Instead, clip your pet leash to a harness that fits around its chest and shoulders. Adjust the harness so your pet can't wiggle out and wander off.

Hypothermia

Very low temperatures aren't good for pets either. Smaller breeds and older pets are at a higher risk for hypothermia, so limit their time outdoors on cold days.

Overfeeding

Pets that overeat can also gain weight and develop health problems. Measure out the vet-approved portion size of food for your pets. Don't feed them table scraps.

Tick Bites

Ticks are tiny parasites that can carry Lyme disease to humans and other animals. If you have an outdoor pet in a tick-prone area, your vet might recommend a tick collar, a pill or a topical gel to prevent tick bites.

