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"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." Roger Caras

Spring into summer!

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I know it might seem like I'm skipping right over spring, but when the meteorologists forecast temperatures in the 80s (sorry for my readers in the Midwest and Northeast), it isn't hard not to think about summer.

As the weather starts to warm up, here are a few things to keep in mind for your dog...

Never leave your dog alone in a parked vehicle. If you see a dog left alone in a hot vehicle, call local animal control, humane society, or law enforcement.



Caution should be used if your dog is left outdoors on hot days for extended periods of time. Make sure there is some shade and plenty of fresh, clean water. Be aware that dogs left alone outside all day can become nuisance barkers.

When exercising your pet during warmer weather, walk your dog early in the morning or later in the evening when it isn't as hot. To avoid burning your dog's paw pads, try to avoid walking your dog on hot surfaces such as asphalt. You

can use the back of your hand to test the temperature. Another alternative is to use dog booties, which can also be used in cold weather where ice, sleet, and snow are a concern.

If you like to go hiking with your dog, keep your dog on a leash, many city, county, state, and federal parks require it. This is for everyone's safety, including you and your pet. Rattlesnakes are more active during the warmer months, with most bites occurring between April and October.



During the spring and summer is when a lot of people do maintenance on their lawns and plant their gardens. Remember to keep dogs off of lawns that have been chemically treated or fertilized for at least 24 hours (check manufacturer label to be sure). Be careful of other chemicals that are used for snail, insect, and rodent control, many can be harmful to your pet as well.

Flea, tick, and mosquito season are just around the corner...actually I treat my dogs year round. These pests can come out almost any time

of the year given the right conditions. There are many different products on the market and new ones coming out all the time. Check with your veterinarian to see what's best for your pet.



Dogs with white, short, or non-existent coats (hair/fur) are particularly sensitive to the sun. Use pet-safe sunscreens, when needed.

Never leave your dog unattended in water. Some dogs can't swim and others may not like it. Consider using a dog life jacket or vest, especially if you are in the ocean, and be careful of rip currents. Swimming pools can be dangerous if your dog doesn't know how to get out. It may be difficult for them to see the steps so teach your dog how to safely get out of the pool. Place a bright colored object, such as a traffic cone, on the top step so the dog has a visual marker. You may also want to get a pool safety alarm in case your dog or young child accidentally falls into the pool.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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Wylie's Corner

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Charlie



Arnold & Domino



Loki & Coco



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