

Motion Sickness

Motion sickness can occur if the eyes, nerves and inner ear, the parts of your pet's body that detect motion, become confused. When a pet rides in a car, its eyes sense movement, even though the body isn't moving. In some pets, this can trigger motion sickness symptoms. Anxiety and negative associations to the vehicle can also cause motion sickness in some pets.

Signs to look for: whining, frequent yawning or drooling, lack of energy, constant lip licking, diarrhea, and of course vomiting.

How to help:

- Allow a clear view out the front window; safely restrain pet in a harness or carrier.
- Withhold food for about 4-5 hours before the trip. Continue to offer water in small amounts.
- Roll down the windows for fresh air.
- Stick to straight roads; avoiding the long, winding paths.
- Stop every couple hours to give a chance to walk around and have a drink of water.
- Make the ride more pleasant experience if you suspect anxiety is a part of the sickness. Go for short happy rides followed by treats, gradually increasing the length of the rides.
- Discuss with us if your pet may need anti-nausea medication.



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Should You Shave Your Pet to Help with the Heat

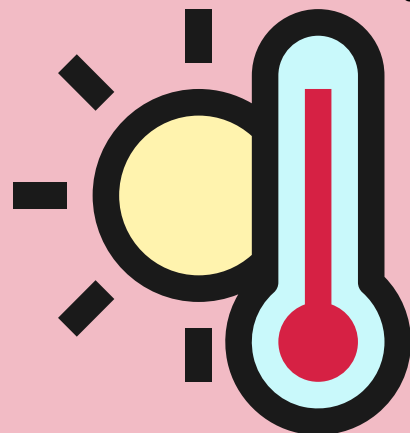
While a summer hair cut may make you feel better, it often is not the case for your furry friends. Although it feels counter intuitive, wearing that thick coat of theirs in the summer actually may be helping them regulate their temperature.

For breeds that have double coats, the undercoat provides insulation in the winter and traps the cooler air next to the skin in the summer. Because of this insulating method, these breeds may have a harder time handling the higher temps after they've been shaved.

Additionally, their hair may not grow back in a normal pattern, or at all - affecting them for future years as well.

Instead of reaching for the clippers:

- Keep exercise to the cooler parts of the day
- Know when to bring your pet indoors
- Offer ample supply of water
- Find shade
- Brush your pet often, removing loose hair and allowing airflow through undercoat.



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Water Intoxications

While we want to make sure our pets stay hydrated in this summer heat, consuming too much water can also cause issues. Some things to

Fresh Water: watch:

Ingesting too much water at the lake or pool can cause your dog to become ill. Their electrolytes can dilute out and cause brain swelling that can result in neurological imbalances, seizures, and death. Make sure your dog takes frequent half-hour breaks from water throughout the day, allowing time for their body to rebalance.

Salt Water:

As one would surmise, salt water would cause the opposite effect on the body. The excess salt pulls the fluid out of the brain, causing them to shrink. However, the clinical signs are very similar: muscle tremors, neurological imbalance, seizures, and death. To minimize the risk, make sure your pet is hydrated before their beach day and has adequate fresh water available during the day to quench their thirst. You can provide chilled, seedless watermelon chunks through the day as a cool and hydrating treat. Finally, as previously mentioned, have your dog take half-hour breaks throughout the day.

Heart Disease

Approximately 11% of dogs and up to 20% of cats may have some degree of heart disease.

The Cavalier King Charles Spaniel has the highest rate of heart disease in dogs; other breeds with increased incidence include Dachshund, Doberman Pinscher, Great Dane, and small breeds in general. The most common diseases are Cardiomyopathy and Valvular diseases. Cardiomyopathy is usually found in the larger breeds of dogs. Most frequently this is in the form of Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM), where the heart muscle becomes thin and flaccid, and can't contract well. This is a very serious disease with a poor prognosis.

Cat breeds predisposed to heart disease are Maine Coon, Ragdoll, American Shorthair, and Persians. Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) is by far the most common heart disease in cats. The heart muscle becomes very thickened, decreasing blood volume and ability to contract. HCM cats are prone to forming clots, which often travels and gets lodged in the pelvis. These cats are suddenly unable to use their back legs and are in extreme pain. HCM cats can also go into congestive heart failure, or suddenly die. The most frustrating aspect for us is that one-third of HCM cats do not have a murmur, meaning we have no way of catching this early.

Heart attacks do not occur in pets as they process cholesterol differently than people do; therefore, pet's blood vessels do not become occluded.

Pet Insurance

Pet insurance can be a helpful tool to have in your pocket when it comes to helping take the best care possible of your dog or cat. Pet insurance works by you paying up front for your pet's expenses, then the insurance company will reimburse you. We love working with pet insurance companies and will happily help you put together the documents that you'll need to submit to get your reimbursement.

Plans will vary in cost and coverage based on the company you go through, the breed and age of your pet, if your pet has any pre-existing or genetic conditions, and if you want wellness coverage in addition to accidents. Be sure to shop around for the company that will give you the coverage that best fits your lifestyle.

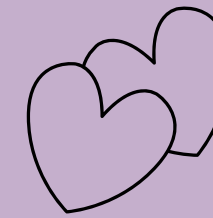
Some topics to discuss while deciding on a company and policy:

- Coverage - wellness, accidents, illness, genetic diseases
- Finances - premiums, deductibles, multi-pet discounts, specialist visits included
- Claims - forms easy to understand and complete, online vs mail, time of reimbursement
- Pre-existing conditions - covered, waiting period, what is considered pre-existing
- Portability - useable if move to a different state

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Dog Names:

1. Dunkin Butterbeans
2. Cheesebro
3. Choo Choo Boo Boo
4. Empress Tzu Tzu
5. Farrah Pawcett
6. Fiona Penny Pickles
7. Monsieur Le Colonel Mustache
8. Tango Mango
9. The Other Dude
10. Yeti Spaghetti



Cat Names:

1. Little Booty Ham Sandwich
2. Dog the Cat
3. Fifty Shades of Graham
4. Isaac Mewton
5. Jabba the Butt
6. Ninja Killer Nine Thousand
7. Obi Wan Catnobi
8. The Great Catsby
9. Whiskerus Maximus
10. Winston Purrchill

Heartworm Prevention

Keeping your pet on year round heartworm is very important to the health of your pet.

Most individuals know that manufacturers provide rebates for purchasing your preventions in bulk and in conjunction with flea/tick preventatives?

We are very passionate about helping you keep your pet happy and healthy. As such, we have an additional instant discount for our clients who purchase a 12 month supply through us. This discount goes on top of the bulk pricing and manufacturer rebate!

Don't hesitate to take advantage of this offer!
Call, email, or request through the app!