

# SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FOR DOGS

## USE SUNSCREEN

Fur does provide some protection from the sun, but you should apply a pet-safe sunblock every 3-4 hours to the barest areas, like your dog's belly.

## AVOID LILIES AND AZALEAS

Lilies and azaleas are common backyard shrubs but they can be toxic for any pet that eats them, and just a few leaves can be fatal for some breeds.

## PARASITE PROTECTION

Talk to your vet about protection from ticks, fleas, and other insects that are at their peak during summer months.

## CAMPFIRE & BBQ SAFETY

Clean your BBQ well and always be on guard when grilling food. It's a good idea to keep Fido on a very short leash while cooking outdoors!

## USE A LIFE JACKET

Always have your dog in a brightly-colored life jacket when you're out on the water. Get your dog used to wearing a life jacket in your own backyard!

## KEEP HYDRATED

Make sure your dog has access to cool water both indoors and outdoors. Try adding some ice cubes or frozen chicken broth to their water dish!

## KEEP COATS LONG

While it is a good idea to cut your pet's hair short during the summer, if your dog's hair is brushed well, it provides circulation and helps regulate their body temperature.