

Safety Tips for Pets for Summer Festivities

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Summertime is here and with that comes parties and pool fun. Here are some helpful tips for pet parents, so their fur babies stay safe and enjoy the fun as well.

- When hosting a party, make sure pets are properly secured. Pets tend to get out with doors being left open and gates not being shut tightly. If you have indoor animals only, let guests know "Hey everyone, our pets don't go outside, please help keep them safe by making sure all doors are kept tightly shut. Have fun"
- Another good idea is keeping pets in a secured space during the duration of the festivities if there is no way to monitor the comings and goings through doors and gates.
- Get togethers mean good times with food and drinks! Some of the food choices are toxic to our furry friends. Make sure food items are out of the way from our friends with good noses and taste buds.
- Parties also mean decorations. Ribbons and balloons can cause problems for our furry ones, especially if ingested. Always keep an eye on your pets when they are around.



- Pool parties are fun and who doesn't love to lay in the sun and swim. Make sure your furry ones have access to shaded areas if they are going to be hanging outside during the parties. They can get sunburned just like we can. They also need access to water. Keep a close eye on them if they like to go in the pool—pets can drown just as easily as anyone else.

Fireworks and Pets

Although fireworks are illegal in Long Beach, many people still use them not only for the 4th of July but also throughout the month of July. Some pets do not do well with loud noises. If you have a pet that this applies too, here are some easy tips to help them feel more comfortable:

- ✓ Make sure they are inside
- ✓ Close any windows that are typically left open
- ✓ Close blinds/shades to prevent them from seeing the fireworks
- ✓ Turn on the TV or radio
- ✓ Leave out an article of your clothing that smells strongly of you (something worn from the gym, dirty socks, etc.)
- ✓ Try a product call Feliaway
- ✓ Try a product called vetcbd

Hope these tips come in handy! Have a wonderful summer!



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