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## CAT CARRIER TIPS

- Set the carrier out well in advance
- Place a towel in carrier with a familiar scent
- Consider using a pheromone product like Feliway
- Place the cat in backwards, so he can see where he is going
- Cover the carrier

## EASING YOUR CATS STRESSFUL VET VISITS

Are you avoiding a needed check-up for your cat because the stress is just too much for you and your furry friend? Remember that even healthy cats need well exams once or twice a year. During these visits we can advise you on feline needs in areas such as nutrition, behavior, the importance of vaccinations, and dental care. We can help you keep your cat healthy and happy.

Here at All Creatures, we are committed to making our practice "cat friendly." Staff members are trained in how to approach and handle cats in a gentle, empathetic, and caring manner. It is our goal to provide you with ways to enhance your cat's health and well-being, so let's make coming to the vet office easier.

First, just relax. It sounds simple, but cats are really attuned to our moods. If you seem nervous or stressed and think that the visit to the vet will be bad, your cat will too.

Your cat should always travel in a secure cat carrier. It is very risky, for you and your cat, to let them roam freely around the car while you are driving. Make sure the carrier is the right size for your cat: big enough for your cat to turn around but small enough so

your cat feels secure. Put a blanket or towel and some cat toys in the carrier. Leave the carrier out somewhere in your house, with the door open, so your cat can get used to it. They can link cause and effect so when the cat carrier comes out they run and hide, if it is only used to take them to the vet.

Don't feed your cat for a few hours before car travel to prevent carsickness. Take your cat out on a ride - give him treats, toys and praise and then go back home. Don't make the only place your cat ever goes in the car be to the animal hospital. When removing your cat from the carrier, never dump them out. Either let your cat walk out on his own or gently remove him.

Cats have a keen sense of smell. Unfamiliar smells in the hospital may trigger a fright attack. A pheromone product like Feliway, can be sprayed on a towel or blanket inside the cat carrier and can help soothe your cat's stress.

While at home, practice routine care procedures by touching your cat's face, ears, feet, and tail, or groom your cat on a regular basis which will make the examination at the vet hospital seem ordinary and more comfortable.

# SUMMER SAFETY

## HEAT STROKE:

While most of us are aware of the risk of overheating when pets are left in cars, many pet owners don't realize that animals can suffer heatstroke during normal, day-to-day activity. Heatstroke occurs when a pet cannot pant away enough of the heat building up in his body. When it is hot outside, restrict exercise to early morning hours, and after the sun goes down. Pets need access to cool water at all times, and care should be taken not to leave pets tied or penned in places where they cannot find shade, even for a short time. Keep pets indoors during the hottest times of the day.

Pet owners should be aware that heatstroke is a true emergency. Symptoms can include excessive panting and drooling, glazed eyes or staring, confusion, staggering, vomiting, and bright red or purplish tongue and gums. If you suspect that your pet may be overheated, wet him thoroughly with cool (not ice-cold) water and place him in front of a fan. Contact your veterinarian immediately, or take your pet to an animal emergency clinic if your regular animal hospital is closed.

## HOT PAVEMENT:

Always check the temperature of pavement before letting your dog walk on it. As a basic 'rule of paw,' if the pavement feels too hot for your bare feet, it is too hot for Fido's. Do this test: press your own bare hands or feet on sunny pavement for at least 7-8 seconds to assess heat level. If it is uncomfortable for you, then it is too hot for your dog!

**heat stroke** in dogs

**a dog's body temperature**

107-109°  
heat stroke

≈104°  
heat exhaustion

100.5-102.5°  
normal

**signs of heat stroke:**

- ⊘ Heavy panting, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst
- ⊘ Bright red tongue and mucus membranes, which turn grey as shock sets in
- ⊘ Thick saliva, drooling, vomiting, and/or diarrhea
- ⊘ Unsteadiness and staggering
- ⊘ Lethargy

⚠ By the time the signs of heat stroke are visible, it's often too late.

**some dogs are more at risk**

⚠ SHORT-NOSED

⚠ LONG-HAIRED

⚠ YOUNG

**the dangers of heat stroke**

104°  
body temp.

→ >15mins  
of suffering

→

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- ✓ Collapse
- ✓ Seizures
- ✓ Coma
- ✓ Organ failure
- ✓ Death

**On Hot Days:**

Air Temp.	~	Asphalt Temp.
<b>77°F</b>		<b>125°F</b>
<b>86°F</b>		<b>135°F</b>
<b>87°F</b>		<b>143°F</b>

1. Keep Dogs Off Pavement and Asphalt
2. Use Paw Protection: Booties, Paw Wax
3. Check Paws Daily for Signs of Damage
4. Be Mindful of the 7 Seconds Rule
5. Walk During Coolest Hours of Day

how long does it take for a car to get **hot?**

**vehicle temperature**

outside F°	inside F°	
	10 mins	30 mins
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°

## VACCINATIONS

### When do puppies/kittens need to get vaccines?

You should start vaccinating your pet when they are 6-8 weeks of age. After the first set of vaccines, they need to be boosted every 3 weeks until they are 16 weeks old.

### What vaccines are recommended and how long are they good for?

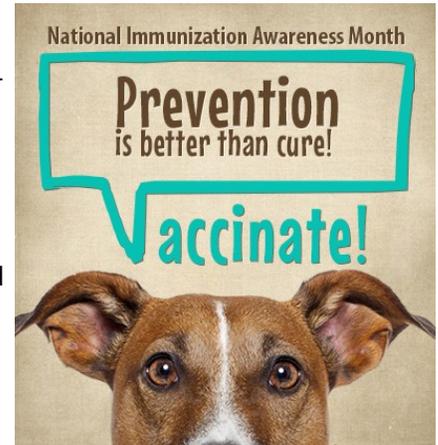
**Rabies:** After the first vaccine, it will need to be boosted one year later. All subsequent boosters are good for 3 years. A current rabies vaccine is required by the state for all dogs.

**DAP:** After the last vaccine at 16 weeks, it will need to be boosted one year later. Subsequent boosters are given every 3 years. This combination vaccine protects against the viruses Distemper, Hepatitis and Parvo.

**Bordetella:** Depending on the type of stress and exposure, bordetella can be good for either 6 or 12 months.

**Feline HCP:** After the initial kitten series, a booster is given at one year, followed by subsequent boosters every 3 years.

**Feline FELV:** The feline leukemia vaccine is given annually. After the first vaccine and booster, please discuss with your doctor.



## CLINIC NOTES

- ◆ Dr. Ingram will be out of the office from July 3– August 4. Dr. Roberts will also be gone from July 3– July 25. Dr. Bob will continue to see patients regularly. Additionally, a relief vet, Dr. Nichole Hooper, will be filling in several days in July.
- ◆ It is our policy to require 24 hour notice on all medication refills. Please be aware of when your pet is nearing the end of their supply, so that we can be alerted in time to prevent any lapse in medications. If you need a refill from a secondary source (i.e. compounding pharmacy, PetMeds, Walgreens), please contact them. They will fax us a request which the doctor will review and fax back at the earliest convenience (within 24 hours). Additionally, please make sure you pay attention to prescription labels for reminders of lab work or rechecks required before the next refill. Your understanding and cooperation with this matter is appreciated.
- ◆ For the safety and consideration of other clients and pets, please make sure your dog is on a leash at all times. If you forgot one, please ask the receptionist and we would be happy to give you one to use for your visit.



Don't forget to use our new online pharmacy! You can have your medications delivered right to your door. Prescription items include not just tablets but compounded medications, shampoos/skin care, diets, supplies, and over the counter products.

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# **\*MONTHLY SPECIALS\***

## **August:**



**To celebrate National Immunization Awareness Month, receive 50% off all vaccines.**

***(With a regular priced exam)***

## **September:**

**To celebrate World Rabies Day, receive a free rabies vaccine from Sept. 14th-30th.**

***(With a regular priced exam)***



**To celebrate *Happy, Healthy Cat Month*, receive 50% off feline exams, in the month of September.**

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