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Chain of Lakes Animal Clinic

June 2019



Summer is here and that means hot days, pool dates, and thunderstorms. With hurricane season and the fourth of July right around the corner, be prepared for this summer with these tips!

June Howl-idays!

Pet Appreciation Week- June 2-8th

Hug Your Cat Day- June 4th

Take Your Dog To Work Day- June 21st

Storm & Firework Phobia

Living in Florida means lots of rain, thunderstorms, and fireworks. We are here to provide comfort for your pet when they need it most. We can prescribe medication to help your pet feel more calm during these scary moments. Let us know if we can help to calm before the storm. Here are two links on storm & firework phobia.

<https://veterinarypartner.vin.com/default.aspx?pid=19239&id=4952947>

<https://veterinarypartner.vin.com/default.aspx?pid=19239&id=4952940>

Heat Related Health Risks

In Florida, every summer is a hot day. Keep in mind that your pet feels the heat too whether it's just being outside or touching the hot asphalt.

Pets can burn their paw pads on hot concrete. Watch out for these heat related signs.

- Excessive panting
- Drooling
- Reddened gums
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Uncoordinated movement
- Collapse

Heat stroke can be fatal. If you believe your pet is experiencing heat stroke, run cool water over your pet and seek medical attention immediately.

Hurricane Preparedness

Hurricane season is June 1st- November 30th. Be prepared this year with this helpful checklist!

- Microchip
If your pet were to escape and get lost during a storm, having the most up to date contact information will make sure your pet comes home safe.
- 5-7 days (or more) of food kept in a sealed bag or container
- 7 days (or more) of water for each pet, replace every two months if not used
- Vaccine Records
Keep up to date vaccine records either on your phone or physical copies.
- Medications
Some pets require regular medications. Keep at least two weeks worth available at all times during hurricane season.

To see a complete list for hurricane season, visit: <https://www.petmd.com/dog/emergency/common-emergencies/pet-safety-checklist-prepare-hurricane-season>

Clinic Announcement

We are excited to announce that we have a newly upgraded reminder system!

If you have chosen to receive text messages for your pet's health care and appointment reminders, you will receive an automated text from a 5 digit number confirming your enrollment by the end of the month. There is no further action required on your part. You can still text our clinic number for any medication refills, or any questions.

If you have selected email reminders, you are automatically enrolled and do not need to do anything.

Thank you for trusting us with your pet's care!