

## Summer Care Tips for You and Your Pet

Summer is a time for both you and your pet to enjoy the sunshine and outdoors, but along with the fun, the season also offers up situations that can endanger your pet. By taking precautions, you can decrease the chance that disaster will happen. The HSUS offers these tips for pet owners to keep their furry friends safe this summer:

- In nice weather you may be tempted to take your pet with you in the car while you travel or do errands. But during warm weather, the inside of your car can reach 120° in a matter of minutes, even if you're parked in the shade. This can mean real trouble for your companion animals left in the car. Dogs and cats can't perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. Pets who are left in hot cars even briefly can suffer from heat exhaustion, heat stroke, brain damage, and can even die. Don't think that just because you'll be gone "just a minute" that your pet will be safe while you're gone; even an air conditioned car with the motor off isn't healthy for your pet. To avoid any chance that your pet will succumb to the heat of a car this summer, be sure to play it safe by leaving your pet cool and refreshed at home while you're on the road. And if you do happen to see a pet in a car alone during the hot summer months, alert the management of the store where the car is parked. If the owner does not return promptly, call local animal control or the police department immediately. For more information, check out our page on pets and hot cars.



- Want to help educate others about the dangers of leaving pets in hot cars? During the summer months (May through September) The HSUS has educational posters available for purchase (\$3 for 10, \$5 for 25) that store managers can post inside their windows to remind shoppers that "Leaving Your Pet in a Parked Car Can be a Deadly Mistake". In addition, 4" x 9" two-sided flyers are also available (50 for \$3.00). To order please send a check, your mailing address and the number of posters or flyers that you would like to receive to the following address: HSUS/Hot Cars, 2100 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037. You can also receive a free sample flyer by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the above address.

- It is very dangerous, and in some states illegal, to drive with a dog in the back of a pick-up truck. Not only can flying debris cause serious injury, but a dog may be unintentionally thrown into traffic if the driver suddenly hits the brakes, swerves, or is hit by another car. Dogs should ride either in the cab (in a crate or wearing a seat belt harness designed for dogs) or in a secured crate in the bed of the truck.

- Summer is often a time when people fertilize their lawns and work in their gardens. But beware: Plant food, fertilizer, and insecticides can be fatal if your pet ingests them. In addition, more than 700 plants can produce physiologically active or toxic substances in sufficient amounts to cause harmful effects in animals.
- With people and dogs spending more time outside, dog bites are likely to increase in the summer months. Spaying or neutering your dog reduces the likelihood that he will bite and provides many other health benefits.
- Make sure your pet is always wearing a collar and identification tag. If you are separated from your pet, an ID tag may very well be his or her ticket home.
- Check with your veterinarian to see if your pets should be taking heartworm prevention medication. Heartworm disease, which is transmitted by mosquitoes, can be fatal in both dogs and cats.
- Pets and pools can equal disaster. Prevent free access to pools and always supervise a pet in a pool.
- Provide plenty of water and shade for your pets while they're enjoying the great outdoors so they can stay cool.
- If you plan on traveling with your pet during the summer, take the time to prepare for your furry friends in advance. Many airlines have summer pet embargoes, and most trains and ships do not allow pets other than service animals. The HSUS has information on traveling with your pet that may make the difference between a pleasant trip and a vacation nightmare.
- Pets need exercise even when it is hot, but extra care needs to be taken with older dogs, short-nosed dogs, and those with thick coats. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours. Keep in mind that asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet's paws.
- Another summertime threat is fleas and ticks. Use only flea and tick treatments recommended by your veterinarian. Some over-the-counter flea and tick products can be toxic, even when used according to instructions.
- Pets can get sunburned too, and your pet may require sunscreen on his or her nose and ear tips. Pets with light-colored noses or light-colored fur on their ears are particularly vulnerable to sunburn and skin cancer.
- Don't take your pets to crowded summer events such as concerts or fairs. The loud noises and crowds, combined with the heat, can be stressful and dangerous for pets. For your pet's well being, leave her at home. Be especially aware of these threats during holidays, such as the Fourth of July.

- In summer heat your pet can suffer from heat exhaustion and heat stroke. These conditions are very serious and could cause your pet to die. You should be aware of the signs of heat stress, which could include heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue. If your pet does become overheated, you need to immediately lower his body temperature. Move your pet into the shade and apply cool (not cold) water over his body to gradually lower his core body temperature. Apply cold towels or ice packs to your pet's head, neck, and chest only. Let your pet drink small amounts of water or lick ice cubes. Most importantly, get him to a veterinarian immediately.

### Wadesboro Trash Pickup Details

The Town of Wadesboro reduced curbside trash pickup service to once-per-week beginning last summer. Customers now have two options.

- First, customers can place out bagged trash in up to 4 containers totaling 128 gallons.
- Alternatively, customers can place out up to 4 trash bags without any container.

Under both options, up to 10 pieces of empty cardboard outside any container or bags will be picked up. Non-residential furniture pick-up is limited to 2 items per week. The trash fee will remain unchanged at \$15 per month. All other sanitation services remain unchanged.

More information is available on the Town's website, [www.cityofwadesboro.org](http://www.cityofwadesboro.org), or call City Hall at (704) 694-5171 for more details.

#### Trash Collection Rules

- General**
- Monthly Rate: \$15
  - Required Container(s): Customer may either: 1) Use up to 4 containers totaling 128 gallons. All trash must be in a bag designed to be a trash receptacle and placed in an eligible container for service, or 2) Place up to four bags designed to be a trash receptacle without any container.
  - Trash Day: Monday or Wednesday. Trash must be at curb by 7 a.m. on designated trash pickup day. Customer may put out up to 10 pieces of empty cardboard outside container. Non-residential furniture pick-up is limited to 2 items per week.
- Uptown**
- Monthly Rate: \$15
  - Location: Uptown is Rutherford to Morgan to Washington to Martin.
  - Required Container(s): Customer may either: 1) Use up to 6 containers totaling 192 gallons. All trash must be in a bag designed to be a trash receptacle and placed in an eligible container for service, or 2) Place up to six bags designed to be a trash receptacle without any container.
  - Trash Day: Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Trash must be at curb by 7 a.m. on designated trash pickup day. Customer may put out up to 10 pieces of empty cardboard outside container. Non-residential furniture pick-up is limited to 2 items per week.



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#### EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, REQUIREMENTS

- BA degree in Early Childhood Education, Education, Business Administration, Public Administration, Public Policy or human services-related field *required*
- Masters *preferred* in area above
- 3 years of experience in management (including experience supervising staff) *required*
- Experience in financial administration *required*
- Fundraising / grant writing and nonprofit board experience *preferred*
- Residency in Anson County *preferred*
- Occasionally required to lift up to 25 pounds
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- Criminal background check and drug screen *required*

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Compensation based on education and experience.

Application deadline is Friday, August 14.

Application and job description are available at [www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org) and at address below.

To apply, send resume, application and cover letter to:

**Anson County Partnership for Children**  
Attention: Elaine B. Scarborough, Executive Director  
117 South Greene Street  
Wadesboro, NC 28170  
[elaine.scarborough@ansonchildren.org](mailto:elaine.scarborough@ansonchildren.org)



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