



Animal Clinic of Chardon

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Did you know?

Contrary to popular belief, Poodles are not French by origin. They're German dogs, but French nobility quickly became fascinated by these pooches.

While not well known, the collective nouns used for cats and kittens are a clowder of cats and a kindle of kittens.

The Australian Shepherd isn't even from Australia. Its origins are tied to the Basque region of Europe.

Cats need to interact with people from two weeks of age to enable them to be social towards humans. After 16 weeks of age it is very difficult to tame a cat.

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Help Your Dog Beat the Heat This Summer!

1. Provide shade to lessen risk of heat exhaustion

Summer is the perfect time to enjoy beautiful parks, beaches, and backcountry trails with your dog. Just make sure you protect them from the potentially dangerous summer heat. Unlike people, dogs and cats can't perspire as efficiently as we do. In order to cool off, they dispel heat by panting and perspire only minimally thru their pads. Unfortunately, this method is less efficient than sweating and your dogs can overheat quickly on a warm day leading to heat exhaustion, commonly known as heat stroke. Be sure your dog always has access to shade and water. Be extra careful with [brachycephalic](#) or short nose breeds like [Pugs](#), [Bulldogs](#), [Boston Terriers](#), and my favorite, [Boxers](#), as they are even more heat-intolerant than other dogs.

2. Know the signs of heat stroke and what to do

How do you know if your pet is suffering from heat exhaustion? The signs of heat stroke are non-specific. Maintain a high index of suspicion and look for the following:



- Excessive panting
- Bright red tongue and gums
- Vomiting
- Bloody diarrhea
- Unsteadiness
- Collapse
- Seizures

Heatstroke can quickly damage vital internal organs. If you suspect that your pet is suffering from heatstroke, try to cool them down by wetting them with cool water and immediately take them to your veterinarian for additional treatment. Without prompt treatment, heatstroke can be fatal.

3. Beware of walking across hot surfaces

As we all know, pets aim to please and never complain. While this is a noble quality, it can also get them in trouble. Pets will try their best to keep up with you even if they are exhausted. This can be a problem if you take your dog running during the hot summer months. Dogs, like people, can become overheated if they run in the hot midday sun, especially if they are not accustomed to running in those conditions. Running on concrete, asphalt or sand can also be a problem since these surfaces get very hot and can burn a dog's pads. I recommend exercising with your pet in the morning or evening to avoid the possibility of overheating or pad burns. If you have to take your pet out during the day, make sure the ground isn't too hot.

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4. Hot cars can be deadly

Most people know they should not leave their pets unattended in a parked car when the weather is hot. What many do not realize is how quickly a park car becomes dangerously hot. Even if the temperature is only 85 degrees and you leave your car windows down, your car can heat up to 102 degrees within 10 minutes (Check out [Dr. Ernie Ward's video](#) to see for yourself). To be safe, never leave your pet in a parked car for any period of time when the weather is warm. Why risk your faithful companion's life? Leave them safely at home if you are going somewhere that doesn't allow pets.

Dog Days of Summer

Join ACOC, the City of Chardon and Chardon Tomorrow as we celebrate the "Dog Days of Summer" on July 14, 2018.

Saturday, July 14
2:00pm - 5:00pm
Chardon Square

Join us for an afternoon of:
Various Dog Vendors
Dog Parade
Dog Show
Demos
And much more!



*100% of the donations will be split between Rescue Village and the Geauga County Kennel.

**All animals must be:*

- Up to date on vaccinations.*
- Kept on a leash. (Not a retractable leash.)*
- Remain sole responsibility of the owner.*
- Be spayed/neutered.*

Attention Care Credit Cardholders:

Due to requirements set by Care Credit we must ask for a signature and a secondary ID along with your care credit card at each Care Credit transaction. If for some reason you have someone else coming in to make a payment or bring your pet in for medical care please be sure they are added to your account prior as an authorized user. We must have them sign, verify their state ID and the Care Credit card. We are no longer able to process Care Credit over the phone as there must be a signature as well as a verification of an ID. We regret any trouble this may cause you however we must follow these strict guidelines to be able to continue to accept Care Credit.

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