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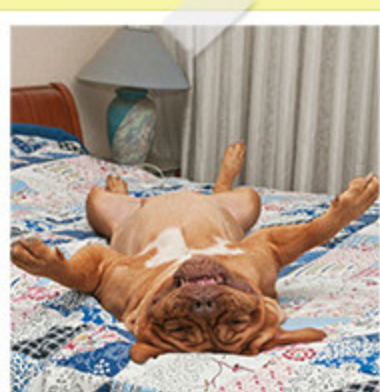


Warm Summer Greetings!

Summer is here again! As you and your best animal friend enjoy the warm weather and summer activities, always do so with an eye for safety. Summer fun brings with it some potential dangers for your pet, like heatstroke and scary, loud fireworks. We hope the information in this newsletter will help you keep your pet safe and comfortable this summer.

We're here to help you keep your pet healthy and happy, so please contact us anytime you have questions or concerns about your pet. We wish you and your pet a safe and happy summer season!

Sincerely,
The Team at Watertown Veterinary Clinic



Summer: A Good Time for Pets to be Homebodies!

Every summer brings heartbreaking stories of pets left unattended in hot cars and dying of heatstroke.

Temperatures in cars can rise to life-threatening in just a few short minutes, so play it safe and leave your pet cool & comfy at home when you're out and about this summer.

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Get off the 'Net and Phone your Vet

The internet is full of pet health advice and information - some great, some not so great. Be savvy and selective when researching pet health issues online, and please call **us** when you have questions about your pet. After all, we already know your pet's health history and care about you both!

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How Sweet it Is(n't): Xylitol Toxicity

The artificial sweetener Xylitol is seemingly taking the world by storm, commonly used in sugarless gum and candy, diet sweets, and even certain brands of peanut butter. The trouble is, Xylitol ingestion can cause dangerously low blood sugar and liver damage in dogs, and can even result in death.

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Bang! Fear of Fireworks



FIREWORKS

Fun for us. Frightful for pets.



Every summer veterinarians and shelters brace themselves for the influx of pets, either injured or lost, due to fireworks. Well, not typically due to the fireworks themselves, but the loud, scary noises and flashes they produce. Pets can find the noise, lights, and vibrations caused by fireworks to be absolutely terrifying, so much so that their only thought is to RUN - even if that means **away** from the safety of home.

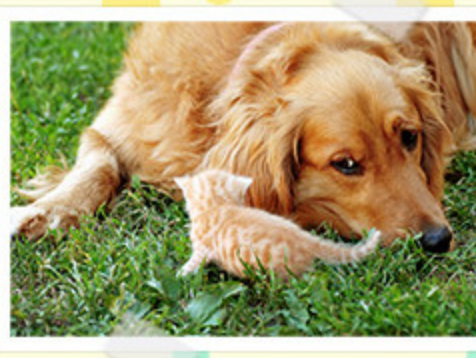
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Delicate Constitution? IBD May be to Blame.

Chronic vomiting and loose stool isn't normal. If your cat or dog suffers from frequent vomiting, loose stools, or even diarrhea, please let us know. IBD (inflammatory bowel disease) could be the culprit that's causing your pet (and possibly your floors & furniture!) distress. IBD is typically treatable with medications and/or diet.

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August 15 is "Check the Chip" Day!

So you got your pet microchipped - awesome! That's one of the most important things you can do as a pet owner to help keep your pet safe, but getting the microchip implanted is only half the battle. Keep your contact info up to date at all times with the chip's registry, and have us scan your pet's chip regularly to make sure it's still working correctly.

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Beat the Heat This Summer

Heat stroke, or hyperthermia, is perhaps the biggest threat pets can face during the hot summer months. Because pets can't tell us, "I'm hot!" verbally, it's crucial to pay attention and watch for the telltale signs of heat stroke. Watch your pet carefully and help keep that inner thermometer set to "cool as a cucumber" this summer!

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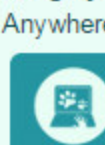
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