

KEEPING YOUR PETS SAFE THIS

# SUMMER



## Summer Hazards

### Heatstroke

Right at the top of the list, for all of our furry friends, is heatstroke. It's more of a risk to dogs as they can run around too much in the sun if they're allowed to, but all of our pets can suffer from heatstroke - dogs, cats, and smaller pets such as rabbits and guinea pigs! Our top tips? Never leave an animal in a hot car, conservatory or caravan. Don't walk your dog in the hotter parts of the day - only walk in the early morning or later in the evening when it's cooled down. And always give access to shaded areas with constant access to fresh, cool water.

### Sunburn

Yes, our pets can get sunburnt too! Especially animals with white fur or thinner patches of hair. Cats can easily get sunburnt on the tips of their ears. So, protect your pet pals with pet-safe sunscreen - it's just as important to apply it to them before going out in the sun as it is for us!

### Insect bites and stings

Insects are fun to chase for our four-legged friends. The problem is if they chase a bee or a wasp, it's likely to end in a sting! Ouch! If your pet gets stung, get your parents to call your vet for some advice. And you'll also need to give your poor pet lots of TLC!

### Flystrike

This is a condition that can affect our bunnies. It's where flies lay eggs on rabbits because they have mucky fur, and the eggs hatch into maggots. This can be really serious for rabbits, so check your rabbits every day to make sure their fur is clean, clean their home every other day, and you can even use a special insecticide solution throughout summer to protect your bun, simply by applying it to their coat.

