



**Kick Off Summer
with Peace of Mind.**

July 4 Hazards Playbook

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Summer celebrations bring fun... and sometimes, hidden risks. Start the summer off right and keep your pets safe by watching for common July 4th hazards.

Enjoy peace of mind knowing that VCA is by your side for any unpredictable moments.

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Hazardous Items and Environments

Pets love tasty summer snacks, jumping into pools and playing outside with everyone.

To keep them safe, it's important to monitor the following hazardous items and environments:



Glow sticks and party favors may contain chemicals and can be harmful if chewed or swallowed.



Hot surfaces can blister paw pads, and fur isn't a natural sunscreen. Slather on a pet-safe SPF, limit midday sun exposure and set your pet up in the shade.



Fire and fireworks can lead to burns, stress or even panic-induced escapes.



Swimming pools and water access require supervision—even good swimmers can get fatigued or accidentally ingest pool chemicals.



Balloons are dangerous if popped or chewed and **citronella candles** are toxic if ingested.



Avoid heatstroke by always keeping their water bowl filled and never leave pets unattended in vehicles.

Hazardous Foods

Although it can be tempting to share, many human foods are toxic to animals.

Mouthwatering BBQ smells can turn picnics into problem zones. A quick snag of a bone, fruit pit or corncob can lead straight to the ER, so be sure to keep them away from:



Picnic foods, including corncobs and bones, are difficult to digest and can cause internal blockages or injuries.



Pitted fruit, such as peaches or avocados, contain toxic pits, while moldy fruit can cause gastrointestinal distress.



Chocolate and marshmallows are toxic to dogs—be careful when making s'mores around the campfire.



Alcohol is quickly absorbed by pets and can lead to alcohol poisoning.





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Summer Do's

Consider this your cheat sheet, with some quick, easy ways you can help your pets stay healthy and happy.

- ✓ Clean and pack up any food and drink leftovers
- ✓ Follow your pet's regular diet
- ✓ Keep pets inside, under shade and out of the heat and sun
- ✓ Make a quiet, safe space for your pet away from guests
- ✓ Check in with your pet to ensure they're happy and comfortable

Stay Prepared

Being prepared is always a great idea. Here are more ways your pets can stay extra safe this summer:

-  Use 24/7 Live Chat through the myVCA™ app for questions or concerns
-  Locate your nearest VCA Animal Hospital with Emergency Care services

Summer 2025 Special ER Offering

From fireworks to BBQ scraps and heat waves, be prepared with **50% off an Emergency Care exam* until July 15** at participating VCA Animal Hospital locations.

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