



# Avery Creek Pet Hospital

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## Summer Pet Tips:

As the weather begins to heat up, we want to remind you of the risks of overheating to your pet. Everyone knows not to leave a dog in a parked car with the windows up, but did you know that running with your dog or leaving your cat in a hot apartment without water can also lead to heat stroke? Animals that are most at risk include short-faced dog breeds like pugs and bulldogs, older animals, and overweight animals, but any dog or cat can succumb to the heat if it is severe enough. Signs to look for include excessive panting and collapse. The most important first step is to get your animal's tem-

perature down with tepid or cool (not ice) water and direct a fan on them for evaporative cooling. At the same time, make arrangements to get your pet to us or, if it's after hours, please call REACH at 665-4399. Heat stroke can lead to kidney failure, heart problems, seizures, muscle injury, and death, and for these reasons it is important to have your pet treated medically as soon as possible

*Our goal at Avery Creek Pet Hospital is to provide the highest quality of medical care for our clients and patients by listening to their needs, and by giving exceptional client services in a professional and compassionate manner. We will nurture the bond between humans and animals by teaching our clients how to better care for their pets, thus enabling them to live longer, healthier lives.*

## Fleas and Ticks:

Spring has sprung, it's now time to start thinking about fleas and ticks. Not only are these critters nasty to look at, they can also cause illness and sometimes even death. Here are some reasons to avoid infestation altogether.

Fleas earn their living by sucking blood through the skin of the host. The adult flea leaves behind partially digested blood ("flea dirt"), which is a food source for larvae that hatch from the eggs.

Flea infestation can lead to severe anemia and even death, especially in very young or debilitated animals. Some pets can develop a severe allergy to fleas, which makes both the pet and the owner miserable.

Ticks can cause their own variety of problems, including Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. The symptoms of these diseases can include fever, rash, joint problems, and generally make the victim feel lousy.

There are several products on the market for treating fleas and ticks. Frontline is very effective. We also recommend Revolution along with a Preventic collar. Whatever product you choose to use, please READ THE LABEL! The over the counter products you can buy in the store for your dog can be extremely poisonous to your cat. The packaging may be similar, but the chemicals used are very different. Remember, our pets depend on us to keep them safe and healthy.



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Welcome to our 1st newsletter. We need your help to name it. A \$25 Target gift card will be awarded to the winner. If the name we choose was given to us by more than one person, the first person to submit their idea will receive the prize. Deadline for submissions is June 30. We will be sending it quarterly to our clients to keep you up to date with the latest veterinary medicine, seasonal alerts, and to let you know of any changes we are making around the hospital. We would love to hear what you think, so please feel free to contact us at [heather.acph@gmail.com](mailto:heather.acph@gmail.com) with any suggestions, comments or concerns. If you would rather receive this newsletter by e-mail, please give us your e-mail address and we would be happy to set that up for the next newsletter.

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Check it out at [AveryCreekPetHospital.com](http://AveryCreekPetHospital.com).

We have pages for you to meet the staff, learn about the services that we offer here and view our frequently asked questions. If you have additional questions for the staff, there is also a page for you to contact us.