



*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.*

## Thunderstorms and Fireworks

Summer is the season for thunderstorms and fireworks. This can be very unsettling for about 20% of pets. Considering that pets have much sharper senses than we do, it is not surprising that sounds that startle us can be quite painful for our pets. Frightened dogs have different reactions. Some may tremble at their owners' feet, other will retreat to a hiding place, while others will try and run off or show other bizarre behaviors. Here are some precautions you may take to keep your pet and your family safe.

For your pet who is extremely frightened, we have natural alternative therapies as well as tranquilizers to help keep your pets calm during the this time of year.

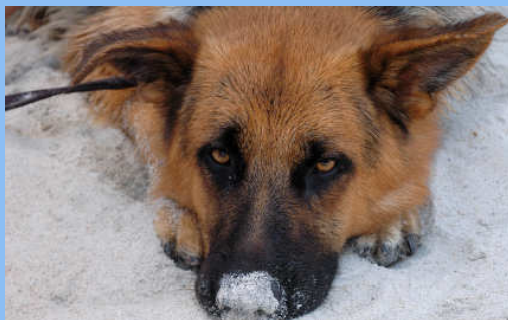
Do not leave your pets outside, even in a fenced yard, when fireworks may be set off in the distance. Do not take your pets to events with fireworks.

If fireworks are being set off or if you are having company in to celebrate the holidays, find a quiet, secure place to keep your pets. Darkening the room may help. Crating is also helpful. Keep a radio playing softly or a tv on to drown out the noise.

If you will be out of town for the holidays, entrust your pets with a pet sitter your pets feel comfortable with or a kennel you know well.

Rather than cuddling a frightened dog, try to distract the dog from the disturbing noises with physical activity such as playing ball.

We want this summer to be a happy and safe one for your whole family, please contact us if there is any way we can help.



Willie Fuller on the beach at Bald Head Island, NC

## Traveling with your pets

caught in traffic is always helpful.

Make sure you have a copy of his medical records including all vaccination records.

Be sure your pet is always wearing his identification. Keep a copy of his microchip number with you. Also carry a picture of your pet with you on your trip. If your pet becomes lost, you'll be able to show exactly what he looks like.

Be very careful in warm or hot weather when leaving your pet in the car. Even when the outside temperature is only in the 70's or 80's, the interior of a vehicle can reach 100 degrees and higher when parked in the sun. It doesn't take long at these temperatures to cause serious or even fatal harm to your pet.

Another good thing to have with you is a basic first aid kit. Accidents can happen, so be prepared. If you are unsure of what you should pack, feel free to give us a call and we will help you out.

Traveling with pets and staying in pet friendly lodging can be lots of fun, after all, your pet is a part of your family too. Just using common sense and planning ahead makes for an enjoyable and surprise-free vacation.



Now that summer is here and the kids are out of school, we are planning our family vacations.

When making your reservations, double check if pets are allowed. Many hotels, condos or rental vacation homes now allow pets. Ask if they have a website so you can see their pet policies in writing.

If your pet is not an experienced traveler, you should begin getting your pet more accustomed to traveling. Take him for short fun car rides and give him a treat.

Don't forget to pick up refills of your pet's medications and food. Keeping your pet on the same food he is accustomed to will help to prevent an upset stomach.

Keeping bottled water on hand in case you get

### Did you Know?

The name of the dog on the cracker jack box is Bingo  
Every year \$1.5 billion dollars is spent on pet food, which is 4 times the amount spent on baby food.

The Maine Coon is the only native American long haired cat.

A cat's field of vision is about 185 degrees.

A cat can sprint about 31 miles an hour

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As a veterinarian, I am learning more every day about the importance of veterinary dentistry. Research shows that dental infections can lead to disease of all the organs. In order to do the best job that we can in this area of medicine, we are investing in digital dental X-ray equipment and a high speed dental unit similar to the ones used in human dentistry. I am also devoting more time to taking veterinary dental x-ray courses to improve my skills and those of my staff. This will assist us in helping your pets to live a longer, healthier life.

Sincerely,

Mark Wysocki, DVM

When creating the newsletter I normally use a stock photo for the pet picture on the front of the newsletter. I would really like to make it more personal by using pictures of the patients we see here at the office. If you are interested in having your pet's picture featured in the newsletter, please email your pictures to [heather.acph@gmail.com](mailto:heather.acph@gmail.com). When I write an article that your pet's picture will fit with, I will be sure to use them 1 at a time.

## In Loving memory:

Maverick Waldrup

George Burrell

Guinness Fuller

Mocha Jones

Tiny Laveter

Scooter Ball

Cassie Allison

Paca Wells

Magic Demarco

Joker Haas

Boscoe Austin

Blackie Rhyne

Scout Clark

