

SUMMER SAFETY GUIDE FOR PET OWNERS

The Wyckoff Police Department and the Wyckoff Board of Health would like to remind residents of their responsibilities as pet owners as well as offer some summer time safety tips for pet owners.

Pet Owner Responsibilities - Do's and Don'ts:

- Do be aware that dog owners are responsible for removing dog droppings from public and private property.
- Don't let pets roam free. It is unlawful for dogs to go unleashed. Unleashed pets can create a nuisance or be disruptive to neighbors. So, please be considerate of your neighbors.
- Do keep your dog on a leash anytime you venture outside your yard. This will avoid your pet being injured by a moving vehicle.
- Do immunize your pet against rabies and obtain a license for the animal from the Municipal Clerk's office in Town Hall. For more information on dog and cat licensing, please call the Municipal Clerk's office at 201-891-7000.
- Do have someone attend to your dog if you will be away from home. The Police Department regularly receives dog barking complaints from neighbors of dog owners who leave their animals alone for hours.

Summer Safety Tips for Pets

- Be considerate to your pet in the hot summer months. Extreme heat can be fatal to a dog, so keep your pet inside when the temperature soars. In hot weather make sure there is a shady spot outdoors where your dog can escape the sun.
- When keeping your pet outdoors, make sure to provide plenty of fresh water. Do not keep pets in vehicles for long periods of time. A dog can overheat very rapidly.
- Make sure your fence is high enough so that your dog can't jump over it and deep enough that he won't dig under it. Also, keep your fence in good condition for the safety of your dog. Make sure you latch the gates securely.
- Keep fertilizers, insecticides and other lawn, garden and pool chemicals in a shed or a garage and well out of your dog's reach. These potent products can be poisonous to your pet.
- Be certain that garbage cans and compost bins are inaccessible to your pet. Fatty or decomposing foods can make your dog sick. Bones from chicken or other meat can splinter and puncture your dog's throat, intestine, or the roof of his mouth and cause injury to these areas.