

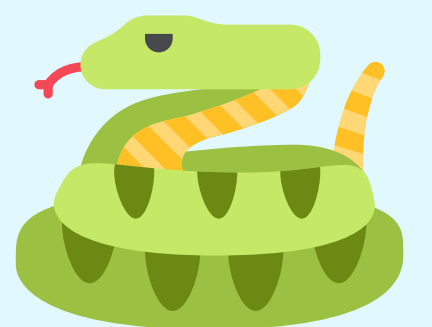


# PAWS Prints

Welcome back PAWS pals! Summer has arrived and boy, are we feeling it! There are many dangers to consider during a Tucson summer and your family here at PAWS wants to guarantee that your furry loved ones are taken care of. Whether it's risk factors from the heat, critters, or whatever else the desert is going to throw at us, your pet will be covered with these simple tips! Let's crack into it!



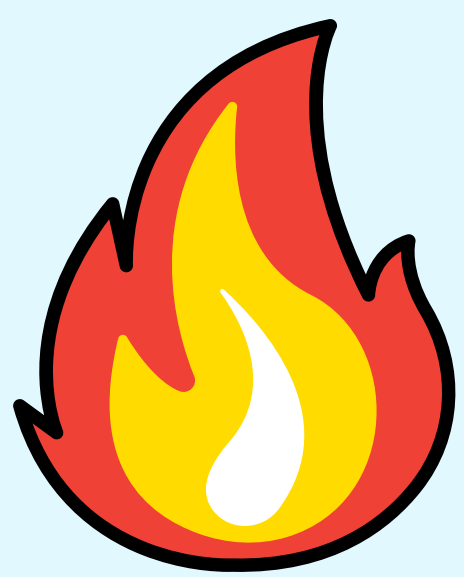
Monsoon season is right around the corner and with that comes critters! With the increase of rain comes the increase of mosquitos, fleas, and ticks. It's important to stock up on your monthly heartworm prevention as well as flea/tick prevention! But bugs aren't the only thing to keep in mind. Rattlesnakes, tarantulas, scorpions, and toads love to come out after a good rain to soak up the water while they can! Keep an eye out for any time your pet could potentially be exposed to these.



Interested in rattlesnake training? Give us a call and we can tell you how to get started!



These shoes were made for walking! But they were also made for protecting your pet's feet! Arizona will be experiencing record-breaking temperatures this year and it is important to be cautious of the dangers that will bring. Pavements and sidewalks can reach up to 180 degrees in the height of summer! That can leave your pet with brutal burns. Not only that, but the desert also brings thorns, rocks, critters, and other potential dangers. That is why we are a big supporter of shoes! All dogs should wear feet protection during the summer but especially during the hottest parts of the day. If your cat is one who enjoys the outdoors, it wouldn't be a bad idea for them to get a pair either!



# This just in!



But not really, it's been like this for a while. While on the topic of scorching hot pavement and the injuries it could cause, now is the perfect time to remind pet owners of the dangers of hot cars during Arizona summer. It is overwhelmingly common to see 110-degree temperatures nowadays. Within 10 minutes, a car's internal temperature can rise by 20 degrees. So if it is 110 degrees outside, the inside of your car is probably around 130 degrees. Within 20 minutes, your car is now reaching 140 degrees, and so on and so forth. Animals can sustain brain damage or even die from heatstroke in just 15 minutes. Beating the heat is extra tough for dogs because they can only cool themselves down by panting. Although not fatal, heatstroke and dehydration are also possibilities so by no means should any animal be left inside a car during the summer.

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**Believe it or not, pets can get sunburned just like humans! Any animal that has light-colored noses and thin, very short, or missing fur are most in need of protective sunscreen, or sunblock. There are plenty of "dog or cat" sunscreens at pet stores, Amazon, etc., but plain ole' baby sunscreen is a safe option as well!**

**Fun tip:**  
**Add ice cubes**  
**to your pet's**  
**water bowls!**  
**They'll be glad**  
**you did!**

Although still encouraged, we are no longer requiring masks in our building. We are still offering curbside appointments for those who wish to do so. Keep in mind we are only here every other Saturday. If your pet is experiencing an emergency and we are not open, we highly recommend calling Southern Arizona Vet Specialty! They have a new walk-in urgent care location on Ft. Lowell and Stone, open Fridays-Sundays, noon-midnight. We hope everyone has a safe and cool summer!

