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## Summer Pet Tips

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The long, hot, southern summer is upon us once again. The heat not only takes its toll on us, but on our pets as well. During the summer months we should be aware daily of our pets needs to survive the heat and the extra challenges that come with it. Here are some friendly reminders and some pointers that you may find beneficial:

- Always provide ample cool, fresh water daily for your pet. Especially if your pet stays outdoors.
- Be sure not to over exert your pet during the high heat times of day, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. But if that is the only time you can walk them, keep the walk short to avoid heat exhaustion.
- Remember that black asphalt is hot on their paws; try to remain on the white sidewalk which attracts less heat.
- Summer time walks should be shorter than when temperatures are cooler.
- If you have an outside dog, remember to provide shade for your pet. They get sunburned too. Also it is the law to provide water, shelter and food to outdoor pets. A pet owner not providing these basic needs can be cited and fined.
- Flies and bugs are attracted to even clean dogs if they are outdoors. At Urban Pet I carry flea treatment, essential for the summer months and a product called Fly's Off which can be sprayed on your pet to keep the flies away from him and prevent fly biting.

Remember most of all to treat your pet as you would want to be treated. They cannot tell you their needs so be in tune with them.



### Jefferson Park Website

Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors to check out the JPNA website.  
[www.jeffersonpark.org](http://www.jeffersonpark.org)

## June's Meeting

The Jefferson Park Neighbor's Association meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month, in the Fellowship Hall of the Jefferson Ave. Baptist Church. Park on the lower level off of Winburn Dr., and enter through the glass door. The next meeting is on June 16th. Meetings last 90 minutes on average.

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