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## *Heat Stroke Signs*



Since it is so hot out now, I thought it would be a good idea to remind everyone of the signs of heat stroke.

- Panting
- Dehydration
- Excessive drooling
- Increased body temperature - above 103° F
- Reddened gums
- Sudden kidney failure
- Rapid heart rate
- Irregular heart beats
- Vomiting blood

Summer is here if you go by the heat but it officially starts Friday June 21. Either way it is time to take precautions with your pets. When I am out in the car and see people jogging or walking their dog in the middle of the day with temperatures in the 90's I get angry! I want to stop and tell them the risk they are putting their pets in. The dog's tongue is hanging to the ground, the eyes are bulging, and the dog is panting nonstop. All are signs of heat stroke. I did stop one time to give my water bottle to a couple for their pet. He was obviously in distress. I even offered them a ride home. They declined and the poor dog was forced to keep moving. Please remember that your dog can not cool off as easily as you. Don't take them out during the day for that walk or jog! If you want to take them for a walk do it early in the morning before the sun is up completely.

Guardian Pet Sitters® wants you to be totally satisfied with the service you receive. We strive to go "above and beyond" your expectations. If you for any reason do not think you are receiving "above and beyond" service please contact me at [sharon@guardianpetsitters.com](mailto:sharon@guardianpetsitters.com) or call me at 972-625-5272. I want to hear from you if our service is not meeting your expectations. You help us because I can work with the staff to ensure that ALL clients receive service "above and beyond" their expectations. We are human and make mistakes- let us know about it so we can take it, make it right with you and then turn it into a learning opportunity! Our success as a company depends upon you!

Enjoy your Summer! We are happy to help with your pet care needs!

*Sharon and the Guardian Pet Sitters® Team*

## *What do you do if...?*

by Lisa Brank

Summer! Summer means spending time outside, enjoying a vacation, and hopefully not getting sun burnt! So, what do you do if you want to spend lots of time outside with your dog?

- Black, tarry stools
- Seizures

**Keep your pets safe and *INSIDE* during this hot summer.**

## **Guardian Pet Sitters® Services**



- Vacation Care
- Mid-day Visits
- Evening visits
- Dog Walking
- Puppy housebreaking
- Pet Convalescent Care
- Geriatric Pet Care
- Overnight Visits
- Sub-Q Fluids
- Allergy Injections
- Diabetic in-home Training
- Home Wait Service
- Pet Transport
- Residential Checks

Don't see what you are looking for? Check [GuardianPetSitters.com](http://GuardianPetSitters.com) for more information!

If you have a "short nose" dog, only spend short amounts of time outside! Brachycephalic dogs have difficulty cooling themselves off because of their shortened snouts. They can become overheated VERY quickly. Pugs, pekinese, Boston terriers, bulldogs, boxers, and other dogs with shortened snouts should not spend more time than necessary outside. Provide your dog with plenty of water and lots of shade when they are outside.



If you have a dog that is white or has thinning fur, put dog safe sunscreen lotion on them! Dogs can get sun burnt just like humans! Do not put human sunscreen on your dog. It contains chemicals that is toxic to dogs if ingested. There are sunscreens available that are formulated specifically for a dog's needs. When you are going to spend lots of time outside put sunscreen on their nose, ears and any spots that may have thin fur.

If your dog is sick, elderly, or antisocial, consider leaving them at home. Not every dog loves being outside with lots of people. Dogs that are sick or elderly do not need the added stress that comes with lots of activity. There is nothing wrong with leaving your dog at home if they are not fit for outside get-togethers. If your dog doesn't like other dogs, or strange people, please leave them at home! You don't want to spend your time worrying about how your dog is going to behave. You'll have a better time, and your dog will be nice and relaxed at home.

If there are going to be fireworks, leave your dog at home! July 4th is a fun time to celebrate with family and friends. I know it is tempting to take your dog with you, but please don't! Even if your dog isn't usually reactive to fireworks you do not know how they will react in an outdoors situation. More dogs are lost on the 4th of July and New Years Eve for one reason, FIREWORKS!

Keep your dog safe this summer! If you have any doubts about taking your dog with you, leave them at home. Better safe than sorry is a great motto. We want you to spend a lot of time with your dog, but in a safe and responsible manner!

## **We Offer Midday Service!**



Staying late at work? Living with an active dog? Did you just get a new puppy? Or do you have a senior that can't hold it that long? ***We offer midday service!*** We are happy to come over during your busy day to let your pooch out to potty. We'll stay and make sure they get lots of love, play time, and a few extra treats. When you come home there won't be any "presents" left on the floor for you, only a happy dog!

If you are interested in scheduling a midday visit for your beloved dog, please give us a call, **972-625-5272**.

***Thank you for the opportunity to care for your beloved pets***

***We are now accepting new midday and dog walking clients in Garland and Richardson!***

*and homes!*

*We value being there for our clients and take pleasure in making a difference in the lives of our clients and their pets.*



Happiness is coming home and knowing your dog is there to greet you.

## Summer Schedules

If you haven't already booked for your summer vacation please get those dates to us soon! Scheduling pet sitters so they are spending time with pets and not driving is critical to our "above and beyond" customer service.



Remember when you reserve the time in our schedule, we cannot book someone else for that time slot. We need at least 48 hours notice if you are going to cancel any of your visits. With 48 hours notice you receive credit on your account. Cancellations made less than 48 hours before service will not receive refund or credit.

*To book your summer service call us: 972-625-5272 or you can book [online!](#)*

**Are you keeping up with the latest information for you and your pets?**



Featured in this month's header: Jax the Yorkie from Richardson, TX!