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Spring Seasonal Tips: Keep your dog safe and parasite free



Warmer Temperatures: During the spring months, this can mean spending more time outdoors for dog owners and dogs alike. Check your dog's collar for snugness and confirm that your dog's tags are readable and contain your current contact information. Did you remember to license your dog?

Fencing: If you have a fenced in yard, take time to walk the perimeter and check for broken segments of fencing, branches/limbs that may have come down on top of fencing and areas where the frost may have lifted a section of fencing.



Fleas: The spring season also means the return of fleas and other parasites. Start by taking preventative measures by giving your dog's bedding and blankets a good washing. When vacuuming your home, remember to empty and clean your vacuum frequently. Fleas and flea larvae can live and hatch in your vacuum. Tapeworms are contracted by fleas, and roundworms and hookworms are contracted easily too. Outside you can remove excess debris and leaf litter in your back yard. Consider a holistic approach for parasite prevention and treatment or talk to your veterinarian about the best options for you and your dog.

Allergies: Dogs can acquire seasonal allergies just like we do. Allergies to tree pollen, dust and mold can cause your dog to sneeze, cough and have increased itching. If you suspect that your dog has allergies, contact your veterinarian.

Cleaning Products: The spring season is a great time to review your household cleaning products and confirm that they are dog friendly. It is best to store the products that are not pet-safe in a place your dog cannot access them.



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Artificial Sweeteners: Candy is a common treat in the spring season. A lot of candy, such as chocolate and gum, contain artificial sweeteners that can be toxic to your dog. Keep all of these tasty treats in cabinets and away from your dog.



Water: Lakes, ponds, brooks and rivers start the thawing process in the spring months. Ice could be much thinner than you would expect and can pose a risk to your dog for falling through thin ice. Keep your dog safe by not allowing them to meander near these bodies of water.

Grooming: With the arrival of spring, you may have also noticed an arrival of an abundance of dog fur accumulating in your home on furniture, carpets/rugs, floor corners and in your vehicle. To address springtime shedding, give your dog a good thorough brushing to loosen dead fur and skin dander. Grooming is a great time to bond with your dog. It allows you the chance to observe any changes in skin conditions, irritations, warts/growths or parasites. Follow up your spring grooming with a warm lather bath. Wash your dog's collar and leash - your dog will appreciate it!

