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YOUR DOG IS SO MUCH MORE THAN A PET™



Hitting
the Road

for Summer Vacation

Whether you are visiting the mountains or going to the seashore, don't forget to prepare your four-legged family member for the trip. This issue is dedicated to making summer fun and safe for you and your dog.

Have Leash, Will Travel

If you plan on taking your pet along on vacation, remember that he deserves a fun break, too. Here are a few things to remember to keep Fido healthy and happy during the summer getaway.

- Visit your vet prior to your trip and get all health and vaccine certificates updated.



- To help with digestion, bring a supply of food and water from home if traveling by car.

- Attach up-to-date dog tags. In case of separation, bring a recent photograph and written description of your pet.

From the EDITOR:

"A dog can express more with his tail in minutes, than his owner can express with his tongue in hours."

– Anonymous

- Bring a sturdy leash, extra collar, first aid kit, lint remover, disinfectant spray and waste bags.

- Car sickness is more likely if your pet has a full stomach. If the trip is long, feed a smaller amount than normal at least two hours before you leave.

- Call ahead and request pet regulations for airlines and cruise ships. Most major train and bus transportation providers *do not* allow pets.

- For dog-friendly beaches, lodging and camping check out www.tidalflats.com and www.petswelcome.com 🐾



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Motion Sickness

Although we often think of dogs as happily lolling out the car window enjoying the smells and the wind, all pets are not alike. For some dogs, a car ride can equal an anxiety attack, shaking, drooling, and even vomiting. He doesn't understand that he will be safe and sound somewhere after the car ride. Even if your dog enjoys short rides with your family, an extended ride on highways may cause anxiety and motion sickness. Follow this easy schedule to get your pet on the road to happy travels.

- Pets are very receptive to repetition. Start by sitting in the car with your pet and a favorite treat. Make being in the car pleasant.
- Once your pet is no longer frightened of being in the car, turn it on so he can get used to the noise of the engine. Give a treat before you turn the car on and afterward.



Source: Dr. Marty Smith, DVM
Drs. Foster & Smith,
Rhineland, WI

Watch Out for Summertime Health Threats



Overheating: On a hot summer day the inside of your car heats up very quickly. On an 85-degree day, for example, the temperature inside your car – with the windows slightly opened – will reach 102 degrees in 10 minutes! The closed confines of a car interfere with a dog's normal cooling process, that is, evaporation through panting. Be safe, **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PET IN A CAR ON A HOT DAY!**

Ticks: A female tick can lay up to 20,000 eggs in a single mass. That's why it's important to check your dog every day during hot weather. The best way to remove a tick is to grasp it gently with tweezers, as close to the dog's skin as possible, and pull it straight off. Be careful to remove the head and not to squeeze the tick as it can cause more bacteria to be spread. Fingers, matches, petroleum jelly, nail polish, and alcohol are not proper ways to remove ticks. 🐾



Invisible Fence® TIPS

It is important to remove your dog's Computer Collar® regularly. Neck irritation can develop at any time, but it is most likely to occur during warm, wet weather conditions, with thick-coated dogs, during shedding season and any time the Computer Collar is left on for long periods.



Be sure to do a quick check of your dog's neck anytime you remove his Computer Collar.

If your dog swims or gets wet, remove the Computer Collar and dry his neck before you put it back on him.

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New House...

New Neighbors...

New Boundaries

Moving to a new home is both rewarding and stressful for people and canines alike. Here are some suggestions to make the big transition easier for you and your dog.

- Moving is a smelly job. Try taking your dirty laundry to your new home. Yes, it may sound odd, but dirty laundry, pet toys and pet beds carry your scents. Rubbing the scents throughout the new house will help with the transition and reduce territory marking.

- Update all dog tags and identification on moving day. Don't forget a photograph of your pooch in case of separation.
- Find a local veterinarian in your new community before moving day. Check out the Vet Locator service at www.invisiblefence.com.

Make boundary training simple by bringing your Invisible Fence® brand transmitter and Computer Collar® to your new home. Call 1-800-578-DOGS or visit www.invisiblefence.com to schedule a visit from your local Invisible Fence professional. He will install new boundary wire and retrain your pet on the system. You'll rest easy knowing your pet will be safe at your new home. 🐾



POMERANIAN

BREED GROUP: Toy

NICKNAME: Pom

ORIGIN: Although the Pomeranian gets its name from the northern German province of Pomerania, this lively, little dog can trace its ancestors to sled dogs of Iceland and Lapland.

These arctic dogs were brought to Germany where the breed was further developed and used as sheepherders. Weighing as much as 30 pounds they were much larger than the Pomeranians of today. In 1888, Queen Victoria took a fancy to the Pom and began exhibiting them at British dog shows. The dogs she showed were in the 12-18 pound range. As Poms gained popularity in Britain, English breeders systematically bred them smaller and smaller. Because these dogs were developed in Britain to their modern size they are considered an English breed even though they have kept their German name. Mozart and Marie Antoinette also owned Pomeranians. Today the Pomeranian is primarily a companion and show dog.

COLOR: Any solid color, black and tan, or white with colored patches.

HEIGHT: 8 – 11 inches (20 – 28 cm)

WEIGHT: 3 – 7 pounds (1 – 3 kg)



TEMPERAMENT: One of the most independent of the toy breeds, the Pomeranian is intelligent, affectionate, alert, curious, eager to learn and very loyal to its family. They thrive on human companionship and are excellent watchdogs. Poms have a tendency to be reserved and may bark excessively at strangers. Some Poms think they are much bigger than they are and do not hesitate to attack much larger dogs, but if they are properly introduced they usually get along with other dogs and household

pets. Poms are not recommended for households with very small children.

TRAINING: They are good at learning tricks but need a firm hand. They must know who the boss is or they will not listen. They should be socialized and trained at an early age.

EXERCISE: This breed is very active indoors. Use caution when exercising in hot weather because Poms can easily become overheated.

GROOMING: The Pomeranian with its soft, dense undercoat and its long, straight, and harsh textured outer-coat should be brushed frequently. They are also constant shedders.

POSSIBLE HEALTH CONCERNS: Poms are prone to subluxating patellas, tracheal collapse, dental problems and eye infections.

LIFE EXPECTANCY: 12 – 16 years 🐾

Moving or Traveling?



If you need to find a local veterinarian, don't forget to check out the **Vet Locator** service at www.invisiblefence.com. Just enter the zip code and get the contact information. It's easy.



Check out the latest coupons for discounts and special offers from top name brands and quality pet products at www.invisiblefence.com.



While You Are Away...

Leaving your pet in the care of someone else is never an easy decision. You want a caregiver who is experienced, trained and most importantly, provides the gentle love and care that your pet deserves. Follow these tips to make sure that your furry friend remains safe and happy while you are away.

Boarding Your Dog

- Make sure that the whole kennel (outdoor and indoor runs included) is clean and orderly. The outdoor run should be close to spotless and made of gravel or concrete.
- Make sure the temperature is adequate; not too warm or cold.
- Ask how frequently the areas are cleaned.

- All responsible kennels will ask you about your dog's vaccinations and will require proof of certain shots.
- The outdoor runs – and the whole kennel – should be very secure. Many dogs will attempt to break out, so talk to the kennel owners about this if you're worried.
- Bring along your dog's bed or favorite toys. When you leave, be positive and upbeat. Keep the goodbyes short and sweet.

Source: American Kennel Club

Choosing a Pet Sitter

- Get three or more references.
- Ask if they are trained to notice signs of illness or stress.
- How often will they check on your pet?
- Will they feed, walk and dispense medicine according to your schedule?
- What are the rates and how are they calculated? Is there an additional charge for walk/play time?
- Does your pet look and feel comfortable around the sitter?
- Did the sitter show a professional attitude and genuine love towards your pet? 🐾

