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- ♥ Provide your pet with fresh, cool water every day in a tip-proof bowl. If you are going to be gone all day, make sure that you provide a large enough container to provide water throughout the day.
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♥ Keep a current license and identification tag on your dog or cat and consider microchipping as a means of permanent identification.

♥ Don't exercise your animal soon after a meal in hot weather. It's best to exercise in the cool of the morning or evening. Be considerate of your barefooted jogging companion and remember how hot pavement can get.

♥ Don't let your dog ride in the back of an open vehicle, like a pick-up truck. Your dog could be bounced or jump out of the moving vehicle. If your pet must travel in the back of an open vehicle, make sure he's safely tethered to the center of the bed where he's unable to reach the sides and is able to stand or sit on a slip- proof and cool surface.

♥ If your dog or cat are out during the day, remember that asphalt and concrete can get very hot and burn the pads of your pet's feet. Your pet must always have shelter available to protect it from extreme temperatures and inclement weather. Keep in mind, too, that pets who are older or overweight are more likely to over-heat during hot weather.

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