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## *Just some brief up dates this month.*

**KEEP YOUR PETS COOL**> Don't forget to keep your pets in cool, well ventilated areas during the current hot weather. If you can keep them inside during the hottest part of the days it would be beneficial, however, some pets do not acclimate well when going between temperature extremes. Usually these are dogs or cats that are kept inside normally and placed outside for a period of time. They may overexert themselves in a very short period of time and cause their body temperature to rise to dangerous levels. Older dogs / cats have more difficulty cooling than younger ones. Offer plenty of water and shade, and don't let them play outside during the hot parts of the days, especially if they are indoor dogs. Most outside dogs will limit their activity in general during the heat. They just need to have shade, ventilation and plenty of fresh water. Remember that the more humid the day, the more difficult it is for your pet to cool down. If you see signs of overheating, take them inside to a less humid environment. Monitoring their temperature with a rectal thermometer would be ideal. Normal body temperature for dogs and cats is 101.5 and can fluctuate 1-2 degrees in either direction and be considered normal. If a dog or cats body temperature stays over 106 degrees for very long, their brain will overheat and stop functioning.

## **BATHING YOUR PET**

Choosing a shampoo is as important as choosing the proper food for your pet. We can help you select the best shampoo whether it be for routine use or skin conditions that need medicated shampoos. Do not use human shampoo on your dogs or cats. Your pet's skin is quite different from your own skin. A common belief is that shampooing your pet is harmful to the skin and hair. Not a true statement, although using the wrong shampoo can be harmful.

General Shampooing instructions:

- ⇒ Use extra caution when bathing cats and puppies. Also exercise caution on wet surfaces.
- ⇒ Brush out excess hair, clip and remove mats if needed.
- ⇒ Eye protection is recommended. We have sterile ophthalmic ointments that you can pick up for use when bathing.

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### Bathing continued

- ⇒ Bath time is a good time for nail trims.
- ⇒ Place cotton balls in the ears.
- ⇒ Using lukewarm water rinse your pet well, penetrating the coat and saturating the hair down to the skin.
- ⇒ Apply a sufficient amount of shampoo to the top of the neck and along the back of your pet.
- ⇒ Use caution around the face and ears. If you get soap in the eyes, rinse them immediately with saline eye flush.
- ⇒ Work the shampoo into a rich lather adding more lukewarm water, if necessary.
- ⇒ Once a rich lather has been established over the entire dog / cat, allow it to sit on their skin for 10 minutes. Most medicated shampoos are ineffective if you skip this step.
- ⇒ Rinse the shampoo thoroughly from pet until water runs clear.

Bath time is a good time to clean your pets ears. Always have your pet's ears examined once or twice annually. If their ears are normal you may use an ear cleanser 1—2 times weekly to help keep them free from dirt and debris. Routine cleaning also helps discourage infections and excessive wax build up.