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Creekside CHRONICLE

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— Wellness & Whiskers —

Summer is in full swing! Let's keep our pets happy, healthy, and safe all season long.



BEAT THE HEAT

Pets can overheat much faster than people.

KEEP YOUR PET SAFE BY REMEMBERING TO:

- Provide plenty of fresh, cool water.
- Walk dogs early in the morning or after sunset.
- Avoid hot pavement that can burn paw pads.
- Never leave a pet in a parked vehicle—even for a minute.
- Make sure outdoor pets always have access to shade.



SIGNS OF HEATSTROKE

- Excessive panting
- Bright red gums
- Weakness or collapse
- Vomiting
- Confusion

Heatstroke is a medical emergency. If you suspect your pet is overheating, move them to a cool area and seek veterinary care immediately.



FLEAS, TICKS & MOSQUITOES NEVER TAKE A VACATION

Summer is peak season for parasites. Even pets that spend most of their time indoors can be exposed.

Monthly prevention helps protect against:

- ✓ Fleas
- ✓ Ticks
- ✓ Heartworms
- ✓ Intestinal parasites

If your pet has missed a dose of prevention, give us a call. We'll help get them back on schedule.



DID YOU KNOW?

Regular wellness exams help us detect many health problems before pets begin showing obvious symptoms.

Preventive care often means:

- ✓ Earlier diagnosis
- ✓ Lower long-term medical costs
- ✓ Less invasive treatment
- ✓ Better quality of life

Healthy pets deserve checkups, too!



TRAVELING WITH YOUR PET?

Whether you're heading to the beach, mountains, or visiting family, a little planning goes a long way.

TRAVEL TIPS:

- ✓ Pack medications and preventatives.
- ✓ Bring plenty of water.
- ✓ Use a secure carrier or safety harness.
- ✓ Keep vaccination records handy.
- ✓ Never allow pets to ride in the bed of a truck.

Planning a longer trip? Let us know if your pet needs any health certificates or updated vaccinations before you leave.



POOL SAFETY MATTERS

Not every dog is a natural swimmer.

Always supervise pets around pools, lakes, and rivers.

Teach your dog where the pool steps are located, and rinse chlorine or saltwater from their coat after swimming.



DR. CROWE'S CORNER

Summer Should Be Fun—Not Stressful

One of my favorite things is hearing about the adventures our patients have with their families. Whether it's camping, boating, beach trips, or simply relaxing in the backyard, those moments create lifelong memories.

The best vacations are the ones that don't include an unexpected emergency visit.

If you're unsure whether your pet is ready for travel, needs updated vaccinations, or you're concerned about the heat, we're always happy to help you plan ahead.

Enjoy every moment of your summer—and give your pets an extra belly rub from all of us at Creekside.

— Dr. Jan Crowe



WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

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SCHEDULE AHEAD

Summer appointments fill quickly. If your pet is due for:

- ✓ Annual wellness exams
- ✓ Vaccinations
- ✓ Heartworm testing
- ✓ Medication refills
- ✓ Nail trims

Please call early so we can reserve a convenient appointment time.



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