



Tips for Waterfront Pet Safety

Always supervise your pets when they are near the water. Just like children, pets can get into trouble quickly, so keeping a close eye on them is essential.

1. **Life Jackets:** If your pet will be swimming, consider investing in a properly fitted life jacket. This can provide extra buoyancy and help keep them safe in the water, especially if they're not strong swimmers.



2. **Secure Fencing:** Ensure that the waterfront area is securely fenced to prevent pets from wandering too close to the water unsupervised. This can help prevent accidents and keep your pets safe.
3. **Training:** Teach your pets basic water safety commands, such as "stay" and "come," to help control their behaviour around the water. Training can also help prevent them from jumping into the water unexpectedly.
4. **If you plan to swim with your dog,** consider having your pet wear front paw socks or booties to prevent them from scratching you in the water.
5. **Fresh Water:** Provide plenty of fresh water for your pets to drink, especially if they spend time outdoors in the sun. Dehydration can be a risk, particularly on hot days.

6. **Shade and Shelter:** Ensure your pets have access to shade and shelter to protect them from the sun and heat. This can help prevent heatstroke and other heat-related illnesses.
7. **Check for Ticks:** After spending time outdoors, check your pets for ticks, mainly if they've been in wooded or grassy areas near the water. Tick bites can transmit diseases, so removing them promptly is essential.
8. **Be Mindful of Wildlife:** Keep your pets away from wildlife that may be present near the waterfront, such as ducks, geese, or fish. Encounters with wildlife can be unpredictable and potentially dangerous for pets and wildlife.
9. **Emergency Preparedness:** Have a plan in place for what to do in case of an emergency involving your pets, such as injury or illness. Know the location of the nearest veterinary clinic or animal hospital, and keep a pet first aid kit on hand.