



SOUTH METRO ER CHRONICLES

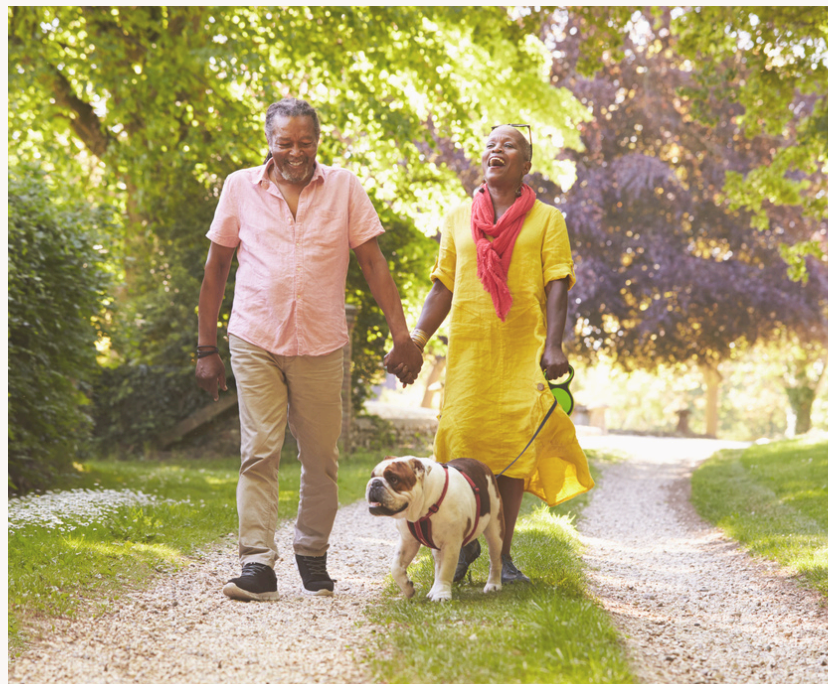


Spring into Safety: Keeping Your Pets Happy & Healthy This Season

At South Metro Animal Emergency Care, we see an increase in cases involving toxin exposures (like lilies and fertilizers), pet injuries from outdoor adventures, and allergic reactions triggered by pollen and insect bites.

In this edition, we're sharing important tips to help keep your pets safe this season, along with insights into common springtime emergencies. No matter the time of day, our team is here 24/7 to provide expert emergency care whenever your pet needs us. Wishing you and your pets a fun and safe spring!

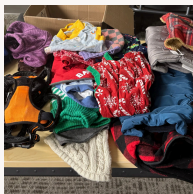
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SPRINGTIME PET EMERGENCIES AND HELPFUL TIPS



- As temperatures rise, we see an increase in cases related to spring hazards. Common emergencies during this time of year include toxin ingestions (lilies, fertilizers, pesticides), allergic reactions, heat stroke, blue algae toxicity, and other outdoor injuries.
- Be aware of when your neighbors or local parks are spraying pesticides. Keep your pet indoors during these times, or check to ensure that treated areas are safe before allowing them outside.
- Many types of lilies, particularly Easter lilies, are toxic to cats. Ingesting even a small amount can cause kidney failure, so be cautious if you have lilies in your home.
- Spring allergies can affect your pets too. Watch for signs like excessive itching, swelling, or difficulty breathing, which could indicate an allergic reaction to pollen, insect bites, or other allergens.
- Springtime adventures can lead to unpredictable situations. Always keep your dog on a leash to prevent encounters with wildlife or dangerous situations like busy roads or other aggressive animals.



How we give back:

South Metro Animal Emergency is proud to support Animal Ark, a no-kill community rescue dedicated to providing care and second chances to animals in need. By helping collect donations, we're honored to contribute to their life-saving mission and help make a difference in the lives of pets waiting for their forever homes.



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