



# SOUTH METRO ER CHRONICLES



## **Soak Up the Sun—Safely:** Summer Tips for Keeping Pets Healthy

At South Metro Animal Emergency Care, summertime brings a rise in emergencies like toxin exposures (think BBQ scraps and yard chemicals), injuries from outdoor fun, and allergic reactions to insect bites and seasonal allergens. As temperatures climb and pets spend more time outside, a little prevention goes a long way in keeping them safe and happy all summer long!

In this edition, we're sharing important tips to help keep your pets safe this season, along with insights into common summertime 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 summer!

**- The Team at South Metro Animal Emergency Care**



# SUMMERTIME PET EMERGENCIES AND HELPFUL TIPS



As temperatures climb, we see an increase in cases related to summer hazards. Common emergencies this time of year include toxin ingestions (BBQ scraps, yard chemicals, and plants), heatstroke, blue-green algae toxicity, insect bites, allergic reactions, and injuries from outdoor activities.

## ☀️ **Watch for Treated Lawns & Parks**

Many neighborhoods and parks apply pesticides and herbicides in summer. Keep pets indoors during treatments, and check that the area is safe before letting them outside.

## 🌿 **Toxic Plants & Garden Hazards**

Summer gardens may include toxic plants and mulch. Ingesting things like cocoa mulch or sago palm can be dangerous—be mindful of what's growing in your yard or what pets may encounter on walks.

## 🐝 **Seasonal Allergies & Insect Reactions**

Just like us, pets can react to summer allergens and insect stings. Look out for itching, swelling, hives, or difficulty breathing—these may be signs of an allergic reaction that needs urgent care.

## 🐾 **Leash Up for Summer Adventures**

More time outside means more chances for the unexpected. Keep pets leashed to help prevent encounters with wildlife, traffic, or aggressive animals.

## How we give back:



We believe in giving back, we were able to donate a literal truckload to BENCHS with much needed food and supplies!

Stay informed on upcoming drives by visiting our [Facebook page!](#)

