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TIPS TO KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE!



Summer Safety Tips

Assemblywoman Melissa "Missy" Miller wants to help make sure your pets have a happy and healthy summer vacation too. Here are a few tips to keep your pets safe during the hot summer months:

-  Make sure your pets stay hydrated and look out for signs of overheating. Symptoms include: vomiting, wobbly legs, dry or bright red gums, diarrhea, thick drool and heavy panting.
-  It is dangerous to leave your pets in the car, even if the windows are cracked, for just a few minutes.
-  Test hot pavement before taking your pets on a walk. If you can't hold your hand on it for at least five seconds then it isn't safe for your pets' paws.
-  Animals can get sunburn just like humans. Apply sunscreen to your pets' most exposed areas such as their noses, ears and bellies.
-  Shaving your pets to "keep them cool" actually puts them at greater risk for sunburn and overheating. Their fur is designed to protect and keep them cool.



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Pets are important members of many Long Island families.



Prepare Before Disaster Strikes

- 🐾 *In case of an emergency, place a pet alert sticker on your doors to inform others of the number and type of pets inside your home. This is especially important to have in case you aren't home. You can get these stickers online or at your local pet store.*
- 🐾 *Pack a week's worth of food, a copy of vaccination or medical records, their medication, a crate/carrier, and if you have one, information on your pet insurance policy. Having a picture of your pets and some of their favorite toys is handy too in case you get separated.*
- 🐾 *For more information, research online or talk to your vet about a plan of action.*

Important Phone Numbers

ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center: 1-888-426-4435

Pet Poison Helpline: 1-800-213-6680

Spay/USA Helpline: 1-800-248-7729

CANIDAE Pet Food Customer Service: 800-398-1600

The Animal Legal Defense Fund: 707-795-2533

Pet Travel Information: 877-241-0184

Pet Airways: 1-888-738-2479

Animal Behavior Hotline: 312-644-8338 (ext. 343)

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Assemblywoman Melissa "Missy" Miller is a dedicated pet owner and animal lover who:

- 🐾 **Cosponsored "Kirby and Quigley's Law,"** which would expand the definition of aggravated cruelty to animals to include any harm caused to a companion animal when a felony is being committed (A3038).
- 🐾 **Supported a bill which would improve the process in which an animal shelter takes care of the costs that come with caring for a victim of animal cruelty during the course of a criminal investigation (A62A).**



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