

DOGS & WATER SAFETY TIPS

1 WATCH: Do you know where your dogs are and what they are doing?
Accidents and illness can easily be prevented by monitoring your pets during any swimming activity. Make sure you are close enough to respond to any emergency that may occur. Pets should never be allowed to have unsupervised swimming.

2 POOL SAFETY: Keep the exit easily accessible for your pet, your pet's life may depend on it. This can be achieved by installing stairs, non-skid ramps or pet friendly ladders.

TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS WITH PUPPIES.
Their high energy and explorative curiosity can quickly safely get out of a pool by themselves, a tall, land them in water. Arms length monitoring is critical secure fence surrounding the pool during puppy stage introduction to water.

GET A TALL FENCE.
If your dog can't safely get out of a pool by themselves, a tall secure fence surrounding the pool can prevent your dog from jumping in the first place.



3 WASH: Don't let salt or pool chemicals dry on their fur.
It can irritate their skin, and if they swallow it when licking their fur, it can make them sick.



4 LIFE JACKET: Sizing, safety handles, bright colors and buoyancy is vital.
While the jackets can keep them a float, it is just as important to have a life jacket with handles that you can use to pull your pet out of the water and bright colors to see your pet from a distance.

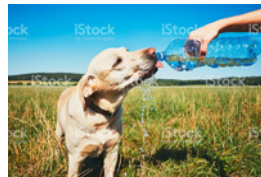


5 REST: Swimming is a workout!
Whether you are swimming with your pet or playing fetch by any water area be careful not to over do it. Keep your pet close to shore and always within sight. Allow plenty of shady rest breaks and don't forget the water



Life jackets and fences help prevent accidents, as does continuous supervision when your dog's around bodies of water. Watching what they drink and washing them off can help prevent illnesses. Be prepared with a first aid kit, extra drinking water, and towels to wipe them down and above all: use common sense!

6 WATER: Lake, river, pool or ocean water is not drinking water.
Chemicals, bacteria, parasites, and salt can be found and make them sick. Always ask yourself, "Would I drink this?" if the answer is no then the is no for your pet.



DID YOU KNOW?



Most dogs can swim, right? Yes, but not all dogs like it and some really shouldn't. Be careful with flat-faced (brachycephalic) dogs, like French Bulldogs or Pugs. Besides their short snouts, their big chests are top heavy, so if they get too tired trying to stay afloat, they can quickly sink.



Cats and water usually don't mix. Most cats hate getting into water, but the rare Turkish Van cats actually enjoy swimming! And Fishing Cats dive into lakes and swim underwater to catch fish.

Puppies don't know how to swim. While they may be able to "dog paddle" a little bit, this not swimming, and they can tire easily. Learn how to teach them to swim and start them in shallow water.

Water dogs are strong swimmers. Most were bred to help hunters retrieve waterfowl from water. It's important to keep them out of cold water and strong currents. Just like us, even the most powerful swimmer can develop hypothermia and can drown.

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