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9 ways to keep your dog safe this summer

You're going to be outside with your dog as much as possible this season. Here are nine ways to keep him safe, cool, healthy, and protected from the elements all summer long. (He says thanks.)

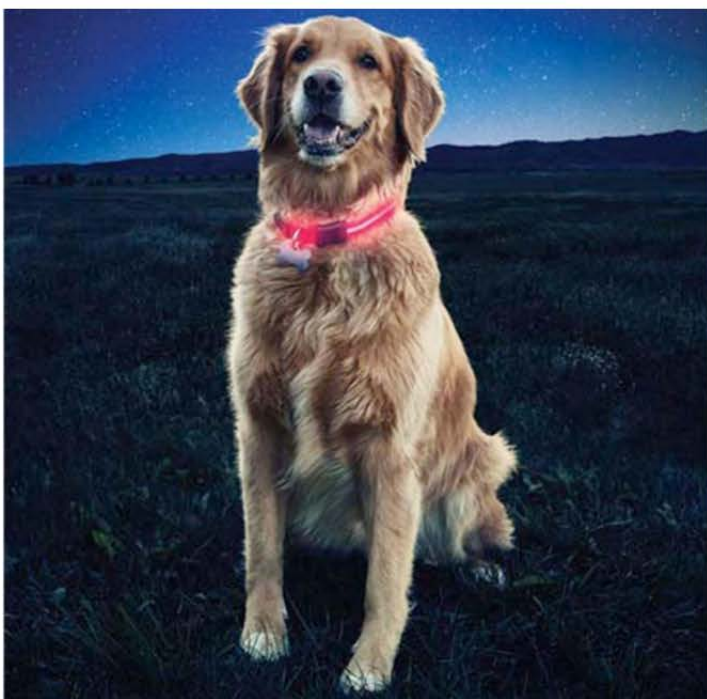
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WHILE SUMMER IS the season for outdoor workouts, barbecues, and basking in the sun, summer also presents challenges for dogs.

There's the risk of overheating, for one thing. There's the chance of eating the wrong foods, for another. Add in the occasional adventure—suiting up your dog for boat rides, protecting your pooch from hot pavement—and there's plenty to think about in advance.

Here are nine special health considerations your dog wants you to know about—and how you can take care of him all season long.



3. How to make your dog visible to cars

Why it's dangerous: Getting hit by a car is single worst accidental killer of dogs. Help your dog stay safe by training him or her to stay by your side, and make it easier for drivers to see them on the road.

Solution: When you're walking or running with your dog at dusk or in the wee hours of the morning to avoid the heat, make sure your dog is wearing something reflective, so that cars can see you both. You can buy leashes, collars, and harnesses with reflective features or simply purchase reflective tape and place it on dog gear you may already own, suggests Rachael Ziering, executive director of Muddy Paws Rescue NYC. We like the NiteDawg LED collar from Nite Ize, which ranges from \$14.59 to \$19.99 depending on the size. It's also water resistant in case your dog can't help jumping into the nearest body of water.