



## ASK THE GROOMER

### Tips For Traveling With Your Pet

Every year many of you load the dog (or even the cat) into the car and head off with the family on vacation; while many others board their furry friends at kennels while taking that Summer get-a-way. In either case, there are some considerations that would be good to keep in mind as you head off to the beach, mountains, or other far away place. If you are going to be traveling long distance by airplane and intend to take your pet remember that the airline you use will need a Health Certificate from us before accepting your pet as a passenger. In addition, if you are flying out of the country, jurisdiction in which you will be landing may have additional documentation requirements as well. In most cases, the needed paper work is easy to produce; will want to contact us a month or two in advance to make sure that all necessary are prepared in time. If traveling with your pet in a car, the most crucial thing to remember is that extreme heat can be deadly to your pet. Leaving pets in the car hot Summer days for an extended time period, **EVEN WITH THE WINDOWS CRACKED**, can be fatal to your dog or cat. Finally, if you intend to board your pet while you travel, make certain to



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vaccinate against the Bordatella bacteria. Bordatella is a bacterial infection commonly contracted when many pets are together in an enclosed area. Every boarding facility in the area will require that all including Bordatella, be current prior to boarding. In addition to vacations, people and pets tend to spend a lot more time outside during the Summer. has many wonderful benefits such as higher activity, better health, etc., it increases certain health risks to our pets. As mentioned earlier, heat is one of biggest problems for pets in Summer; especially if your cat or dog spends a lot of time outdoors. Make sure outside pets have plenty of water and a place in the shade where they can cool off. In addition, increased contact with other pets can mean increased contact with disease as well as the potential for wounds resulting from fights so make sure that your pet has a good leash enabling you to control how much or little he or she mingles with other dogs or cats. Finally, there is an increased risk of injury from vehicles during the Summer. We always see more fracture injuries during the Summer months from cats or dogs trying to cross the street (or worse yet, chasing cars instead of frisbees). Again, proper restraint is the best remedy for these type of injuries. All in all, use common sense with the above considerations in mind and you and your pet should be able to enjoy the warm weather to the fullest.

