

Bart & Gabriel Pet Sitting Summer News

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Summer News and Important Date Announcements From Bart & Gabriel Pet Sitting



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For those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, summer starts on Friday, June 21. That's the longest day of the year and with it comes hot weather until the fall. During the summer heat, you can strip down to shorts and a tank top, but your cat has to wear a fur coat all year long. This can easily become a health issue. So what can you do to keep your feline friend comfortable during the summer? Here are 10 of my favorite tips.

1. Ice Ice Baby

If you're going to be away all day and you know it's going to get warm in the afternoon, drop three or four cubes into kitty's water bowl before you head out.

2. Ice Ice Baby, Part 2

Fill a small soda bottle with cold water and leave it in the freezer overnight. In the morning, wrap the bottle in a towel and put it in your cat's favorite lounging spot. If she gets overheated, she'll appreciate the kitty cooling room. Don't fill the bottle to the top: Water expands when it freezes, and you could have a mess on your hands if you don't leave some air space.

3. Elevate the Bed

Cloth-covered plastic frames with short legs will allow your cat to sleep in comfort during hot weather, and the air passing under her bed will help to keep her cool.

4. Give Her a Fan

Get a small box fan and set it on the floor near your air conditioner or an open window. If your kitty gets too hot, she'll appreciate the breeze blowing through her fur to keep her cool. For

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Important Unavailability Reminders

Remember to book early for the upcoming holidays!

Independence Day - Saturday, July 4th

Labor Day - Monday, September 7th

Contact us now!

If you anticipate needing pet care on these dates (daily walks included), please let me know as soon as possible, I will do my best to help you find a one-time substitute from the professional pet sitter network I belong to. We all are very busy so please plan ahead. I and my pet sitter colleagues deeply appreciate it!



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extra cooling power during summer heat, put one of those frozen water bottles in front of the fan.

5. Shave and a Haircut

If your cat has long fur, consider getting her a lion cut to help ease her suffering on those hot summer days. But be careful: White and light-colored cats also have very pale skin and can be subject to sunburn.

Talk to your vet about whether giving your feline friend a shave could help keep her cool in the hot weather. Another option is to have only her tummy shaved: that way, she can get sun protection as well as cooling.

6. Apply a Damp Cloth

Take a damp washcloth or paper towel and stroke your cat with it. Most cats don't mind a little bit of moisture on their fur, especially when they notice how it can cool them off. In fact, one of the ways cats cool themselves down is by grooming, which is nothing more than wetting their fur with saliva rather than water.

7. Close the Curtains

Close the curtains or blinds in your south- or west-facing windows. Not only will it keep your kitty cooler, it'll save you money on your a/c bills as well.

8. Avoid Cooling Gel Packs

Although gel cold packs are made with ingredients that are considered nontoxic for humans, the gel could be harmful to your cat if she happens to poke a hole in the plastic with her claw and ingest it.

9. Postpone Playtime

Even if your cat loves a rousing game of Chase the Mousie, it's best to wait until the end of the day, when it's cooler. Cats can get overheated pretty quickly by strenuous exercise on hot days.

10. Never, Never, Never Leave Your Cat in Your Car

Not even for a quick errand. A closed car can reach temperatures well over 100 degrees in a frighteningly short time.

Source: Catster.com

Wednesday, June 3rd - Sunday, June 7th
Saturday, August 15th
Thursday, September 10th - Sunday, September 13th
Saturday, October 3rd - Monday, October 12th
Friday, January 1st - Sunday, January 10th, 2016

Please note: additional dates may be added at any time. During these dates service will be limited, and advance notice is required. Please be sure to let us know well in advance if you'll need service on these dates so we can make all the possible arrangements.

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Hungry Bowl - Donations Welcome!

Please help Bart & Gabriel Pet Sitting collect pet food donations for Pets Without Parents (www.petswithoutparents.net)!

As a member of Pet Sitters International (PSI), the world's largest association for professional pet sitters, I will be participating in PSI's Hungry Bowl™ Pet Food Drive. This drive is an international effort to collect pet food for shelters everywhere as PSI members like Bart & Gabriel Pet Sitting organize local pet food drives, **December 1-12**, to benefit their community's animal shelter. Pet food collected in our local Hungry Bowl™ Pet Food Drive will be donated to Pets Without Parents.

We appreciate any pet food donation you can provide, as well as any other pet care supplies you may wish to contribute such as kitty litter, paper towels, and sanitizing cleaners. If you would like to participate, please leave your donation on your kitchen counter. Please attach a note indicating it is for the Hungry Bowl™ Pet Food Drive and I will collect the donation during my daily visits. Shelters are experiencing greater need than ever before—but we feel confident that Bart & Gabriel Pet Sitting and our clients can help make a huge difference this holiday season! Thank you for consideration of this effort!



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