



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
**CANINE HEALTH
FOUNDATION**
PREVENT TREAT & CURE®



The AKC Canine Health Foundation is dedicated to helping your dog live a long and healthy life.

The mission of the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) is to advance the health of all dogs and their owners by funding sound scientific research and supporting the dissemination of health information to prevent, treat and cure canine disease.

Visit www.akcCHF.org for your canine health information needs:

- Podcasts with canine health experts
- Educational videos and webinars
- Information on canine diseases and caring for your dog
- Health tips and resources
- Updates on on-going canine health research
- Health testing information

Seasonal Dog Health Tips

WINTER

Did you know you should consider feeding your dog additional calories if he spends a lot of time outdoors or is a working animal? Because it takes more energy in the winter to keep body temperature regulated, dogs need additional calories to endure the colder climates outdoors. Winter's cold air brings many concerns, and you can find more tips and precautions from CHF by visiting our website.

SPRING

Did you know that thousands of dogs are infected with dangerous tick-transmitted diseases every year? Canine Ehrlichiosis, found worldwide, is the most common and one of the most dangerous tick-borne disease organisms known to affect dogs. Other major tick-borne diseases in the US include: Lyme disease, Canine anaplasmosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and many more. Be sure to visit our website to learn about the different types of transmitted diseases and how you can prevent and treat your dog.

SUMMER

Did you know dogs' only sweat glands are on their footpads and panting is the primary way dogs lose body heat to keep from overheating? Signs of overheating and/or dehydration can include sunken eyes and dry mouth, gums and nose; heavy panting, followed by disorientation and fast, noisy breathing; collapsing or convulsing, bright red or blue gums, vomiting and diarrhea. Visit CHF online to learn how dehydration and overheating can be prevented by recognizing early warning signs.

FALL

Did you know obesity is one of the most common diseases diagnosed in dogs and cats? Pet owners must recognize the negative health implications of obesity. Nearly all organs (including the kidneys, liver, heart, immune system and more) suffer under the stress of carrying excess weight. The cooler fall temperatures provide a great opportunity to get outside and help your pet shed excess pounds. Learn more from CHF about how obesity can lead to irreversible diseases and how to safely help your pet slim down.

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