



America's Top Dog Model (R) Finalist Daisy Rosebud, enjoys summer at the beach.
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Summer fun and safety for your pet

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Summer is here and it's time to round up the family, pooch included, for fun at the beach, camping, or simply a backyard dip in the pool. With all the pet friendly options, there is no reason to leave Fido behind. Whatever the plan, it is important that your dog is happy and safe.

This summer's canine products are designed for dogs to enjoy themselves, while keeping safe. Here is a list of products to pack in your doggies bag or keep by the pool:

Eyewear: Protective eyewear will shield your dog's eyes from UV rays and at the same time look cool! Today's canine sunglasses and have straps in all the right spots to keep them in place.

Headgear: If your dog won't wear sunglasses, a hat can be a solution for keeping out the sun. Canine hats and caps have ear holes to keep them on your dog's head.

Footwear: The pavement gets hot just like everything else during the summer months. Unprotected feet on hot pavement can result in dry, cracked paws. Protect your dogs paws with booties or sneakers during summer walks when the sun is at its peak.

Sunblock: Dogs get sunburned too! Certain breeds are particularly susceptible to sunburn as well as developing sun-related cancer. Make sure your pet is protected with a sun block. A effective and natural sunblock made specifically for dogs is [Vet's Best Sun Relief Spray](#). It's key ingredients are Aloe Vera, Titanium Dioxide and willow herb extract.

Life Vest: A canine life is a safe solution for dog owners who have a pool and frequent the beach or lake. Dog life jackets come in bright colors such as orange and yellow and made of thick durable vinyl coated foam with heavy duty buckles. A handle is attached, so that dogs ca be safely pulled out of the water.

Collars, harnesses, leashes, & ID: These are important safety items if you are walking your dog, taking your dog on a bike, or riding in the car. There are thousands of collars, harnesses and leashes to choose from! Always have your dog's ID attached with all vital information so that your dog can get home safely if you should become disconnected.

Collapsible water bowl: Dogs need plenty of water when it is hot! The collapsible dog bowl can go anywhere, and some are small enough to fit in a purse.

Water toys: show your dog that "*going green*" can be fun! A popular water toy that is recyclable, nontoxic, durable, and buoyant, is the Orbee-Tuff(R) RecycleBall(R) available at [Planet Dog](#). If your dog prefers disc, try [West Paw Design](#) interactive Zogoflex Zisc. It contains 10% post industrial recycled plastic and uses 100% recycled paper and corn based PLA plastic in packaging.

Enjoy the *dog days of summer* while staying safe!



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