8 IDEAS FOR YOUR PET

HOW TO KEEP YOUR DOG SAFE AT THE POOL

1) ENCLOSE YOUR POOL.
Invest in a lockable fence. You’ll prevent your dog (and any unsupervised children) from accessing your pool.

2) BUY A POOL ALARM OR ALERT.
Motion detectors connect to your phone or home security system to alert you if your dog enters the pool area. There are many affordable options that are easy to install.

3) TEACH YOUR DOG TO SWIM.
It’s a myth that all dogs know how to swim. Teach your pup how to paddle with lots of treats and praise!

4) TRAIN YOUR DOG TO ENTER AND EXIT THE POOL.
Your dog should learn which stairs or ramp are safe for getting in and out of the pool—and know how to use them.

5) INSTALL A SAFETY COVER.
For year-round safety, install a safety cover that prevents any person or animal from falling in when the pool’s closed.

6) GET A PROPERLY-FITTED LIFE VEST.
Even if your dog is a solid swimmer, it’s always a good idea to have a fitted life jacket on your pup with a handle for you to lift him in or out.

7) LEARN PET FIRST AID AND CPR.
Every pet owner should do this anyway! But if you have a pool, enroll in a pet first aid and CPR class via redcross.org ASAP.

8) HAVE FUN!
Swimming is great exercise and great fun! Once your safety precautions are in place, have fun in the sun with your pup this summer!