

Hunting Season Safety

With hunting season right around the corner we want to keep our pets safe and happy during that time. There are several tips that can help you achieve that goal.

- ✓ **Know the hunting seasons in your area**
- ✓ **Find out where hunting is permitted on the surrounding land**
- ✓ **Make you and your pet obvious**
 - Having a bright orange vest for both you and your dog will allow you to be easily seen. You may also want to put a bell on your dog's collar so that they can be heard. If you see a hunter let them know that you and your pet are in the area.
- ✓ **Keep your dog on a leash**
 - Keeping your dog on a leash ensures that they are not going to become scared or excited and run away from you. This will also allow you to direct your dog away from hunters if you come across one.
- ✓ **Discourage chasing of wildlife**
 - If your dog chases wildlife they can either be misidentified by hunters or interfere with hunters.
- ✓ **Remember that the days are getting shorter**
 - Plan accordingly when going for walks so that you are not out after dark when it is harder for you and your dog to be seen.
- ✓ **Avoid walking in the early morning and late evening when sun is rising or setting**
 - Hunters are typically out hunting more so during these times of day. Walking on trails in the early mornings and late evenings makes it harder for hunters to see you and your dog.
- ✓ **Walking in woods where hunting is not allowed**
- ✓ **Stay on trails**
- ✓ **Don't leave your dog unattended**
 - Don't leave your dog unattended in your backyard, especially if you live close to hunting areas, because they could run off.
- ✓ **Be aware of fears**
 - Be consciences of dogs that are afraid of loud noises because they can get scared and run off.
- ✓ **Microchipping**
 - Having a permanent form of identification such as a microchip can help your dog get back to you.
- ✓ **Be prepared**
 - Have your veterinarians phone number in your phone in case you have a medical emergency and need to contact them.



There are also safety tips to consider if you are going to be hunting with your dog.

✓ **Vaccinations**

- Ensure that your dog is current on all of their vaccinations as well as on parasite prevention products such as Heartgard®, Frontline®, or Nextgard® because you never know what your dog may all come into contact with.

✓ **Cool weather**

- Cooler weather can quickly lead to hypothermia especially if your dog is wet. Ensure that there is a place for your dog to get out of the elements and dry off as best as they can.

✓ **Warm weather**

- Watch to ensure that your dog does not over heat; signs include heavy panting, drooling, confusion and weakness.

✓ **Water**

- Always have fresh clean water available for your dog especially after running a lot.

✓ **Safety gear**

- Have gear for your dog that will keep them safe including a break away collar, in case they become tangled in something, and a safety vest which will allow them to be more noticeable and protect them from rougher terrain.



✓ **First-aid**

- Have a first-aid kit available for your dog in case they do become injured. For more information on what to include in a first-aid kit go to <http://www.cgvet.com/sites/site-4463/documents/Canine%20educational%20packet/First%20Aid%20Kit.pdf>.

✓ **Traveling**

- When traveling with your dog in the bed of a truck have them crated and provide shelter from the elements by covering the crate with a tarp or similar item. Also allow them to have a soft dry place to lie down in the crate such as a bed. Do not allow your dog to be loose on the bed of a truck, if you have to make any sudden movements such as stopping or turning they can fall out of the bed or injure themselves. They can also jump out of the bed of the truck to go after things that they see along the road.

✓ **Identification**

- Having a permanent form of identification such as a microchip can help your dog get back to you.

✓ **Be prepared**

- If you are hunting locally have the phone number for your veterinarian stored in your phone in case of an emergency. If you are traveling out of the area to hunt know the phone number and address of a veterinarian in that area.

Following these tips will allow you and your pets to be safe during the upcoming hunting seasons. For information about Hunting Season Safety feel free to call us at (920) 668-6212 or email us at info@cgvet.com.