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[TIPS TO PREVENT BURNS AND FISHING MISHAPS]



Safety around fishing gear

Fishing is relaxing but can cause problems for curious pooches

Dangerous marine life, such as poisonous pufferfish, and fishing equipment can cause gastrointestinal injuries, obstructions and perforations, which can lead to costly vet bills! Pet Insurance Australia shares tips to help keep the family hound safe on your next fishing adventure.

Secure storage Keep your fishing equipment

in a locked cabinet, garage or storage shed, up high or inaccessible to your dog.

Supervision Never leave your fishing gear unattended when your dog is nearby. Keep a close eye on them when using or handling fishing equipment.

Clean up After fishing, promptly clean and store the gear away from paws' reach. Properly dispose of bait, lures or hooks to prevent accidental ingestion.

Training Train your dog to

understand basic commands such as 'leave it' or 'drop it'. This can help prevent them from picking up or chewing on fishing equipment they may get into.

Deterrents Use pet-proofing products, such as pet-safe bitter sprays, on your fishing gear to make them less appealing to your dog.

Distraction Provide your dog with plenty of toys, chews and mental stimulation to keep them occupied and less likely to seek out forbidden items.

Supervised exposure If you're introducing your dog to fishing or bringing them along on a trip, ensure they are closely supervised and kept on a leash or in a secure area away from your gear when not actively fishing.

Seek immediate veterinary care if your dog ingests any fishing equipment!

SAFEGUARD YOUR PET

WINTER BURNS PREVENTION

According to Pet Insurance Australia, claims for pet burns jump 300% between May and August, so it's important to keep our furry friends safe around heat sources.

Common burns include hot water bottles, scalding from hot drinks, fireplace/heater burns, chemical burns and faulty pet heat pads/electric blankets.

Simple tips to prevent your pet from becoming a burns statistic:

- **Don't leave** hot drinks where they're accessible to your pet.
- **Always supervise** your pet when a heating pad is on.
- **Do not give your pet** hot water bottles. Consider pet-friendly heat packs, and moving bedding into sun-drenched areas.
- **Train your pet** to keep a safe distance from heat sources. Or erect a barrier, such as a fire- or child guard.
- **Keep pets warm** with a quality dog coat or blanket instead of using a heating device.
- **Purchase safe heaters** that turn off when knocked over.
- **Discourage cats** from jumping on heaters.
- **Never leave** electric blankets on when you are not at home.
- **Keep dogs that live outside** toasty. Place the kennel with the door flap under cover, facing away from the elements. Add warm bedding with straw underneath. ■

