



REDUCING SUMMER RISKS FOR YOU AND YOUR PETS

It's summer but it's also BUG-SEASON!!

Summer is the season to be especially aware and to take the necessary precautions to prevent an overload of our pets and our own immune- systems from environmental germs.

The germ explosion

Temperature and moisture are two of the most important factors affecting the growth rate of germs and the lower 30 degrees are the ideal growing temperature for many of the disease causing microbes which could affect the health of your pets (and you) during this time of year.

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The insect explosion

This is also the time of year where we experience an explosion in the number of insects such as flies, mosquitoes, biting midges, cockroaches and parasites such as ticks, fleas and intestinal worms also come out to pester our pets and more importantly, spread diseases.

Food spoilage

Food spoils easily when there is an increase in temperature and unless it is heated really well the increase is just enough to provide the bacteria with their optimal temperature for growth and the contamination process will take place sooner than you may realize. This will also attract insects and rodents which will in turn carry the harmful bacteria on their bodies to susceptible hosts who will become infected.

Cross contamination

Germs can be transferred when your hands touch a contaminated surface and then for example you go on to prepare food. In a multi-animal household an infection can easily spread from direct contact or hands, bedding, food and drink bowls, utensils or toys and grooming equipment. This is called cross contamination.



Skin diseases

Many skin disorders are associated with warm and humid conditions and there is a high incidence of skin related problems such as hot spots and ringworm in summer.

What can we do

Whilst it is important that we heighten our awareness about the risks in summer, it is not necessary for it to become a burden! If a tried and trusted basic hygiene programme is followed and we adhere to some basic principles, killing of the micro-organisms and slowing down their rate of growth are easily achievable.

Ask your vet

- Pets should be fully immunized and regularly treated for fleas, ticks, intestinal worms and other parasites – check with your vet for immunizations and treatments.
- Check your pet regularly for signs of illness and seek veterinary advice as soon as it occurs.
- Keep claws trimmed to prevent scratches, especially to young children.
- Maintain the coat by regular brushing and shampoo the animal regularly with a medicated, but safe, shampoo such as **F10 Germicidal Treatment Shampoo** to prevent the spread of micro-organisms such as ringworm spores that can be carried around on fur and infect other pets or persons in the household.
- Protect wounds, cuts, scratches and the tips of dogs ears from biting flies and fly strike by applying **F10 Wound Spray with Insecticide** (not for use on domestic cats)

Step up hygiene

These are some **basic steps** that can be followed to protect you and your pets:-

- Treat areas in and around the house where animals often sleep or rest with **F10 Disinfectant Surface Spray with Insecticide** to prevent flies and other insects.
- Wash hands with an antiseptic soap** or apply a hand gel** after playing with or touching animals or associated toys, leashes, blankets, food and water containers or after handling any excretions.
- Do not let your pet share your plate or lick your face. Regular dental checks for your pets at the vet will reduce the risks of tooth decay, gum disease, bad breath and the associated risk of infections.

- Pets should have their own feeding dishes and utensils that are cleaned separately from other household items and are regularly disinfected** with an effective yet safe product that is non-toxic.
- Pets should not be allowed onto food preparation surfaces.
- * Soak bedding regularly in a disinfectant** prior to washing to ensure it is kept hygienic and fresh and free of flies and insects. Blankets or bedding that is not clean and fresh will encourage the presence of flies which can result in the infestation of maggots or if it stays damp in rainy weather it can become moldy.
- Pet cages, enclosures or tanks should not be cleaned in the kitchen sink or bathtub – use a bucket or outside wash area to clean and disinfectant** using a product that would not pose a health risk to you, your pets, equipment or the environment.
- Regularly clean and disinfect** floors and feeding areas used by pets.
- Regularly clean and disinfect** cleaning equipment such as mops, cloths and brushes.

**** In addition to the F10 treatment products mentioned above the F10 hygiene range includes F10SC Veterinary Disinfectant and F10SCXD Veterinary Disinfectant/Cleanser and F10 Antiseptic Liquid Soap and F10 Hand Gel.**



Check the label!

Read the label. Heed any warnings and precautions and follow the directions for use.

The importance of using only registered products cannot be emphasized enough. All products used to eliminate and treat animal diseases must by Law be registered in terms of the Stock Remedies Act 36 of 1947. This is for the protection of the consumer and ensures that label claims and directions have been specifically approved and will, where necessary, be limited to only those conditions that they are capable of dealing with effectively and safely.

The **F10 range** of products are registered. They are broad-spectrum meaning they kill all micro-organisms; completely safe; internationally acclaimed and extremely cost-effective which means they will provide you with total peace of mind regarding the health of your pets as well as your family during summer.

See over for recommendation for use in cases of contagious diseases.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

APPLICATION	FREQUENCY	DILUTION /10 LITRES	MINIMUM EXPOSURE
HOUSING Isolate all diagnosed and visibly infected animals immediately. Infected kittens and puppies must be isolated with the mother. Remove all bedding and equipment (e.g. toys, brushes, water and feed bowls) from cages, floors. Soak bedding and equipment in F10SC before washing. Hang to dry / tumble dry. Wash water and feed bowls with warm water and F10SCXD, spray with F10SC and leave to dry. Wash all surfaces (work benches, floors, tables, walls, tiles) with F10SCXD. Using a fine droplet spray fog the animal housing or room with F10SC	Daily Daily Daily Daily	40 ml 40 ml 40 ml 40 ml	30 min Leave to dry Leave to dry Leave to dry
STAFF Handling of animals should be limited and involve as few people as possible. Staff movement must be restricted to designated areas. Infected animals and areas should be handled last to avoid cross-contamination. Protective clothing should be worn and discarded or washed and disinfected daily. Proper hand decontamination (running water, F10 antiseptic liquid soap and paper towel to dry or use F10 Hand Gel) must be done after any animals or possible infected material such as bedding had been handled.	Daily In between handling animals	40 ml 4 ml as is	Soak 30 min, hang to dry 30 sec
GENERAL Grass should be kept short and exposed to as much sun as possible. Carrier boxes must be washed (F10SCXD) and disinfected (F10SC) after every use and left to dry. All cleaning equipment (mops, cloths, brushes) must be washed with F10SCXD and disinfected with F10SC at the end of each day.	After every use At the end of each shift	40 ml 40ml	Leave to dry Hang to dry
ANIMAL TREATMENT Wash ALL animals immediately with F10 Germicidal Treatment Shampoo to prevent the disease from spreading. Repeat for up to 3 treatments on every other day on infected animals and once a week on non-infected animals. Apply F10 Germicidal Barrier Ointment to affected lesions once daily. Remove all organic material and ointment with F10SC (1:250) before re-applying the Ointment.	Every other day or as prescribed by veterinarian	As is As is As is 40 ml	Leave 15 min rinse Leave 15 min rinse Leave to dry -

**In case of contagious disease e.g. Parvo Virus" use 10ml/L*

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