

# **BASIC HEALTH RULES:**

1. **FEED** your pet **DAILY**.
2. **PROVIDE CLEAN and COOL WATER** for your pet daily.
3. **PROVIDE SHADE** for your pet.
4. **PROVIDE** proper **SHELTER** for your pet to refuge from the heat and cold weather.
5. **KEEP** your pet well-**GROOMED**. Make sure your pet does not have any knots in their fur (knots are very painful). Make sure that you clip their nails and keep them clean.
6. **PICK UP** the dog **FECES** (poops) daily & dispose of them out of the yard.
7. Taking the dog out for **DAILY WALKS** will improve his physical & mental health. (And *your* health!)
8. **VACCINATE** your pet and have **TICK** and **FLEA CONTROL**.
9. **GIVE** your pet **HEARTWORM MEDICATION MONTHLY**.
10. **MICROCHIP** your pet.
11. **SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET!**
12. **DO NOT CHAIN YOUR DOG!**

**DOGS Health Rule:** Never waste time if your dog is sick. Dogs don't act sick if they're not sick! Take the dog to the vet. Puppies do not have the resistance of older dogs, so take your pup to the vet at the first sign of illness. It's urgent!

## **Early Signs of Heat Stroke:**

***A dog's body temperature is normally between 101°F and 102°F.***

Rapid breathing, dry mouth and nose, rapid heart rate, and gums that leave their healthy color for dull, grayish-pink, or red, are all early stages of heat stroke. This IS an EMERGENCY! Even at the earliest stage of heat stroke, you may be fighting for your dog's life. You must get him to a veterinarian as soon as possible.

***These symptoms can be followed in minutes by collapse, seizures, coma and death.***