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Hello -

With the start of spring here and summer on the horizon, we hope that you're looking forward to upcoming vacations and travel plans with your friends and family! Here at All American Pet Resorts Fort Myers, we're happy to be able to provide a safe and fun environment for your pets while you're away from home.

If you haven't reserved a boarding stay for your dog for your upcoming vacation yet, do not delay! We are quickly booking up for the spring and summer season and want to make sure that we'll be able to accommodate your furry family members.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Pet First Aid Awareness Month

April is a month that is very special to our pet resort and the animal welfare community as a whole, as it is Pet First Aid Awareness Month. April is the perfect time to brush up on your pet safety information. In honor of Pet First Aid Awareness Month, we're sharing some information to help you have the skills and knowledge needed to take care of your pets.

### Pet First Aid Tips

**Properly Staunch a Wound:** Bleeding from anywhere on your pet is not good and should be dealt with immediately. If your pet has a bleeding wound, use gauze or a soft cloth to apply direct pressure to the wound. If the blood soaks through, apply more gauze or cloth - without removing the soaked one - and head to the vet.

**Signs of Heat Stroke or Exhaustion:** With the temperature increasing over the next few months, it's important to understand the signs of heat stroke in your pet. If your dog collapses or experiences bloody diarrhea or vomiting, is excessively panting, has difficulty breathing, or has increased salivation, your pet may be in distress due to heat exposure. Wet some bath towels with cold water and cover your pet's body in an attempt to get him cooled down. Then contact a vet immediately.

**Check for Dehydration:** There's an easy way to see if your dog or cat is dehydrated: just pull up on the skin between their shoulder blades. If the skin stays tented instead of springing back, that is a sign of dehydration. Try to get your pet to drink, but do not ever attempt to pour water down your pet's throat. Contact a vet for further treatment and advice.

**Check for Scratches & Bites:** Dog parks can be a fun opportunity for your pet to run around and socialize with other dogs, especially during the warmer months. It's important to remember that even if your dog is very friendly and playful, not all dogs have the same temperament, and all dogs have the capability of playing a little too rough. After each visit to a dog park, take the time to carefully look over your pet, checking for signs of scratches or even bites. If you find any, assess the severity. Puncture wounds can be deceiving and may require a visit to the vet to prevent infection and confirm there are no internal wounds.

**Handling Seizures:** Seizures appear in many forms and are more common in dogs than you may expect. In the event that your dog has a seizure, make sure that he or she is in a safe place and do not attempt to restrain your dog. They will likely become disoriented during a seizure and may mistakenly bite or scratch you if you get too close. Note the time of day and duration of the seizure. Your vet will need this information in order to determine next steps.

**Signs of Poisoning:** Dogs tend to get into things they're not supposed to. In the event that your dog ingests something that may be toxic, contact your vet immediately. Signs of pet poisoning include bleeding from anywhere, dilated pupils, drooling or foaming at the mouth, seizures or abnormal mental state or behavior.

Our staff at All American Pet Resorts Fort Myers is committed to staying up-to-date on the latest techniques and skills in caring for your pets, including pet first aid. For more information on caring for your pet, or to reserve your dog's stay, [click here to visit our website](#) or give us a call at (239) 939-3647.

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