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SPI shares safety tips for pets on the beach

South Padre Island, TX, June 28, 2017: The City of South Padre Island wants you to keep your pet's safety in mind while enjoying the beach.

"The animals are our number one priority- always," said Jaime Whetstone, Friends of Animal Rescue representative. "We feel that it's incredibly important for all pet owners to make sure that their pets are safe and comfortable. Please enjoy the island and the beach with your pets, but make sure that you are taking their safety and comfort into consideration."

Friends of Animal Rescue recommends these tips and precautions to keep your pets safe.

- The City of South Padre Island has a leash law, so please leash your pets.
- Don't let your pets drink ocean water- it will upset their stomachs. Make sure to keep fresh water on hand.
- The sand can get too hot for pet paws. Avoid taking your dogs out during peak sun times.
- If you live on the Island, make sure you have your pets licensed. If your animal should be lost, this will help identify them faster.
- If you are visiting, bring your pet's proof of vaccination.
- Remember your animal's sensitive ears during fireworks that go off at 9:15 p.m. Thursdays through Fridays.

If you lose your pet, call Friends of Animal Rescue immediately on their 24/7 hotline at 956-772-1171. All found pets will be kept safe and cared for at the shelter until they are reunited with their owners.

Follow these simple tips so you and your pets can enjoy all that the Island has to offer.

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