



## Summer is Coming... Did you know...

It is a frightening fact that children can drown in very shallow water so it is extremely important for all pools to be adequately secured. Consumer Product Safety Commission statistics show that approximately 250 children under age of 5 drown in pools each year, and another 1,800 are treated for submersion injuries.

While inflatable pools do not require a building permit, they do need to have adequate safety barriers around them or should be emptied between uses to prevent accidental drowning. A pool *is* any structure that contains water and is capable of being filled to a depth of 24" or more. Many of these pools have soft and/or slanted sides making accidental access easier for unattended children.

Please be cautious when purchasing and using an inflatable pool this summer. Check with the Building Department at (770) 974-2032 for proper safety requirements.



With the warmer weather, it *is* tempting to leave your pet outdoors while you are away (or home). Remember, it is illegal to leave your pet outside when not in a fenced in area. While in their fenced in area, be sure that your pet has adequate shelter and access to water.

Also, while outside, be mindful of your neighbors - pets that bark for more than 15 minutes in length at a time are considered a nuisance and are in violation of the code.

**For any Animal Control concern, contact the Cobb County Animal Control Department at (770) 590-5611.**

