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Precautions for Pet animals in Monsoon Season

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- High moisture/humidity content during monsoon season
 - Season for illness to Pet animals and even Birds too
 - Exposure to cold can lead to respiratory problems, even pneumonia can occur.
 - Less exposure to direct sunlight leads to Rickets in weak puppies.
 - Spread of infections which are food and water borne are more common in this season.
 - Gastro-intestinal problems and infections are more prevalent.
 - Vomition and loose motions are common symptoms. May be bacterial or even viral are not uncommon.
 - Viral gastro- intestinal infections are more fatal causes severe dehydration, may even leads to death, if not attended on time.
 - Giving warm food is often advisable.
 - Fungal infections are seen due to constant wetting of animals.
 - Cleaning and grooming of pet, drying body coat is advisable. Apply anti-fungal powder over skin to prevent allergic skin reactions.
 - Frequent internal parasite infestation is also common where deworming with appropriate medicine is suggested.
 - Contact with other dogs is frequent in this season. Avoid mixing with other dogs of unknown origin.
 - Due to heavy rains proper exercise is not possible leading to lack of appetite so design feeding schedule accordingly.
 - Provide food and water in separate bowls which are of metal vessels. Metal vessels are easy to clean.
 - Water is many times contaminated so ensure clean and constant source of fresh drinking water periodically.
 - Give less food with frequent intervals to avoid possible indigestion.
 - Avoid giving kitchen waste and non-veg left-over food.

- To provide proper immunity to your pet offer feed which is balanced. Supplement with proteins, vitamins and minerals.
- Protect your Pet with all types of vaccines when healthy.
- Booster vaccination dose is recommended in monsoon season.
- Cleaning of paws and ears are very important.
- Avoid frequent bathing.
- Ticks and flea control with proper medication is also important.
- Provide dry bedding or a wooden platform to pets when kept outside.
- Avoid spraying of insecticides and pesticides in garden which might cause accidental poisoning.
- Wounds and injuries are common and usually wounds healing is delayed in monsoon.
- MAGGOTS are more common and needs attention in time.
- In case of puppies along with mother provide extra heat arranging 100 watts heating bulb.
- Special heaters can be arranged in a room according to need in cold.
- House flies menace is more common in this season.
- Flies are responsible for transmission of disease very fast.
- Locally and on pets body fly repellent sprays can be used effectively

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