

NOTICE OF ALL SWIMMING POOL OWNERS....

Every year, dozens of domestic animals drown in Montreal's privately owned pools. Certain breeds of dogs are good swimmers but they nevertheless get tired when unable to come out of the pool. The same thing can happen to dogs who do not know how to swim or to those whose fur is so heavy when wet that the animal tires very quickly. The same situation applies to cats and small wild animals who tire quickly when trying without success to come out of the pool.

We would like to offer a few simple solutions so that together we can reduce the risk of such unhappy instances. For example, you could put a wood plank from the side to the bottom of your swimming pool or an old piece of rug to which your animal could cling to come out. It is important to know that in such cases ladders unfortunately do not work.

During the summer, it is also recommended to check 2 to 3 times daily to ensure that your animal did not fall in the pool. In the fall, during winter and in the spring, the most secure way is to cover the pool with a cover which attaches on the sides in such a way that your animal cannot slide under it. If you have other ideas or solutions, we would like you to share them with us.

Thank you for your help. Don't forget that animals also can suffer from the heat so always give them access to fresh water during a heatwave and even wet their fur to cool them off...

Have a happy summer!

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