

Foxtails an issue for dogs in N. Nevada

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The invasive weeds and wild grasses blanketing Northern Nevada after a record winter are potentially dangerous for pets – and expensive for their owners.

Foxtails in particular are short weeds with little ... well ... fuzzy foxtails on the ends. Those foxtails are the grass seeds that come off easily onto clothes or fur. Their spiny structures dig their way into pets' fur, skin, ears, eyes, noses, mouths and genitals and are difficult to remove.

Left untreated, foxtails can cause infection or even work their way into the brains of animals and lead to death, according to Pet WebMD.

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