

HEAT DANGERS!

FACT: Dogs don't sweat through their skin to cool off. They regulate their body temperature by panting.



FACT: Pets who are more susceptible to heat stroke include elderly and ill pets, overweight pets, and breeds with flat faces such as pugs, bulldogs, and Persian cats.



HEAT STROKE can cause brain damage, seizures, coma, organ failure and death.

Know the signs and seek immediate care for:

- Heavy panting, difficulty breathing
- Bright red tongue and gums
- Thick, sticky saliva
- Unsteadiness
- Vomiting and diarrhea
- Lethargy

DO: Provide shaded areas and plenty of fresh, cool water when outside.

DO: Keep an eye on pets around water. Not all are natural swimmers.

DO: Limit walks to early mornings and late evenings.

DO: Add ice cubes to your pet's water bowl to make it extra cool and refreshing.

Don't: Leave pets unattended outdoors when it gets hot.

Don't: Leave your pets in a parked vehicle or in the garage.

Don't: Allow excessive exercise. Many dogs don't know when to stop playing.



SCORCHED PAWS

Even if the air temperature is a pleasant 77 degrees, asphalt can reach a staggering 125 degrees, causing sensitive paws to burn. Place the back of your hand on the pavement for 7 seconds. If it's too hot for you, it's too hot for them. Stick to grassy areas or protect paws with special booties or paw wax.

HOT CARS

Heatstroke can occur within minutes in a hot car, even in the shade with windows down. On an 80-degree day, a car's temperature can reach 99 degrees in 10 minutes.



SUNBURN

Dogs can get skin cancer too, and every sunburn increases their risk. When taking your pup outdoors, use a pet-safe sunscreen on the tips of the ears, nose, tail, belly, and anywhere else pigmentation is light.