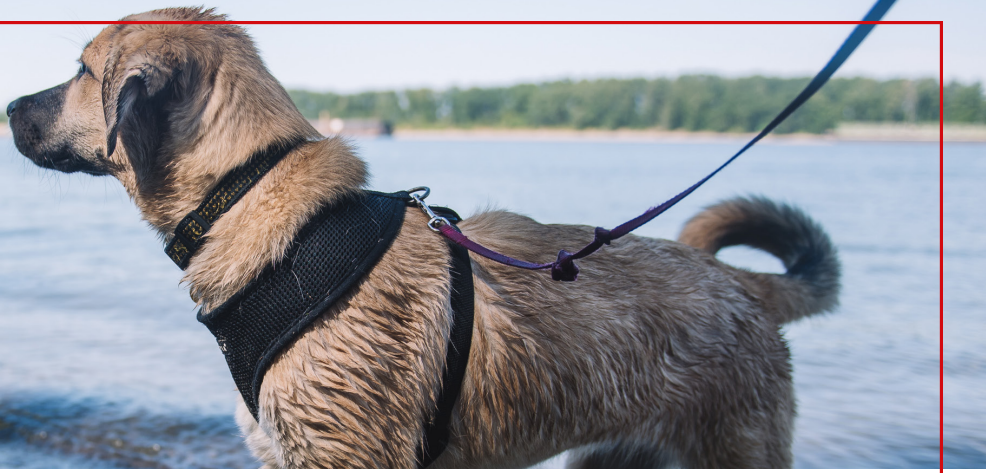


Help for When it's Hot

Information for Pet Owners



It is important to know how to care for your pet during hot weather. Pets have different ways of staying cool than people. Here are some ways to keep your pet comfortable and safe during hot weather, and what to do if your pet shows signs of heat stroke.

Stay Cool

- Provide lots of water and shade for your pet
- Limit exercise on hot days. Go for walks in the early morning or late evening. Avoid hot pavement and carry water.
- Pets that are older, overweight, or have heart or respiratory diseases are especially sensitive to heat.

Heat Stroke

SYMPTOMS

- Glazed eyes
- Lethargy
- Vomiting
- Seizures
- Heavy Panting
- Rapid heartbeat
- Difficulty breathing
- Unconsciousness

WHAT TO DO

Heat stroke is an emergency. If you notice symptoms of heat stroke, take your pet directly to a veterinarian.

If your pet is hot, but not showing signs of a serious heat illness, move them to a cool location, apply ice packs or cold towels, or run cool water over your pet. Let your pet drink cool water or lick ice cubes.



Never leave a pet in a parked car, even for just a minute. In hot weather, a car can reach dangerous temperatures in minutes, even when the windows are down.