

Hot Weather Tips for Protecting our Furry Friends

- Never leave your pet alone in a parked vehicle. It can still reach deadly temperatures with the windows open.
- In hot, humid weather, never force your pet to get exercise after a meal. Always exercise your pet in the cool of the morning or evening.
- In extreme hot weather, never leave your pet standing on the hot pavement, and keep walks to a minimum. Your pet is much closer to the ground and its body can heat up quickly.
- Never take your pet on an outing unless you can provide a shady spot to rest and plenty of fresh water to drink.
- A clean coat can help prevent summer skin problems, so keep your dog and cat well groomed. If your pet sports a heavy coat, shaving your dog's hair to a 1-inch length will help prevent overheating. Do not shave your dog's hair down to the skin as this robs him of protection from the sun.
- Always provide plenty of shade for your pets that stay outside of the house. Bring your pet inside during the heat of the day and let them rest in a cool part of the house.
- Be sensitive to the needs of older and overweight animals during hot weather.
- Brachycephalic (snub-nosed) dogs, especially Bulldogs, Pekingese, Boston Terriers, Lhasa Apsos and Shih Tzus, and those with heart and lung disease should be kept indoors in air-conditioning as much as possible.