

Hot Weather Tips for Your Pets

As summer temperatures rise, our animal friends need help to stay healthy and safe.

Here are a few things you can do to ensure the safety of your pets.

Beware Hot Cars



NEVER leave pets **OR** family in a parked car without air conditioning.

- When it's 72° outside, it can be 116° inside the car.
- At 85°, your car can reach 120°.
- Living beings left in hot cars can suffer illness, organ damage, brain damage or even death.

** Not only is it dangerous and deadly, in Alexandria it's illegal to leave your pet in a car if the outside temperature is more than 70° or the ambient temperature inside the car exceeds 80°.*

Cooling Down

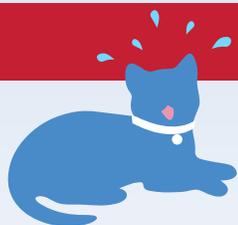


On a dog-day afternoon, provide plenty of shade and water.

- On a hot day, remember that your pet may not want to be outside.
- Make sure cool, fresh water and a shaded area are accessible whenever pets are outside.



Danger Signs



Know the signs of overheating:

- Excessive panting or difficulty breathing
- Increased heart and respiratory rates
- Drooling
- Weakness or collapse



If your pet is overheating or shows signs of heat stroke, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Change Your Hours



Adapt your exercise schedule.

- Exercise your pet in the early morning or late evening, and adjust the intensity and duration of all exercise.
- When outside, avoid hot asphalt, which can burn paws.
- Dogs with short snouts and/or thick coats are more sensitive to the effects of heat and can overheat at milder temperatures.
- Don't forget that pets can get sunburned, and pet sunblock is recommended for pets with white fur, pink noses or exposed skin.

Monitor the Moisture

It's the heat AND the humidity!

For an animal with a built-in fur coat, humidity can be just as harmful as the heat, causing body temperatures to skyrocket.



Beat the Heat

OTHER COOLING TIPS

- Fans are less effective on animals than humans.
- Help your pet cool off from the inside with an icy treat.
- Don't forget to stay well-hydrated!



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