

# 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.**

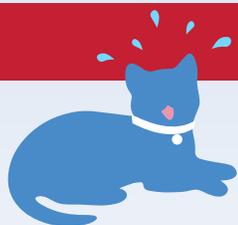
- On a hot day, remember that your pet may not want to be outside.
- Make sure cool, fresh water and a shaded area are accessible whenever pets are outside.



## 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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