

Heat and Pets: Hot Weather Do's and Don'ts



During a Hot Summer day:

DO NOT	DO
<p>Leave pets in a parked car for any amount of time</p> <p>On a hot day, even for short amounts of time and with the window open, cars can heat up to deadly temperatures quickly</p>	<p>Take your pet inside with you, or if not possible, leave them at home</p>
<p>Leave your pets like birds in direct sunlight or dogs in crates without fresh water or in the sun.</p>	<p>Make sure your home is cool, well ventilated and your pet has lots of fresh water. Pets in crates or in cages (birds) are out of direct sunlight and have access to fresh water</p>
<p>Shave your pet</p> <p>This can affect your pet's ability to cool itself</p>	<p>Ask your vet or groomer about shaving your pet in the summer. Some dog breeds shouldn't be shaved because they help the dog cool off</p>
<p>Let your pet walk on asphalt for long periods of time during hot days</p>	<p>Play with your pets on grassy areas</p>
<p>Take your pets out during the hottest times of the day (12pm-3pm)</p> <p>Pet shouldn't have prolonged exposure outside or in an unshaded area when temperatures reach 32 degree Celsius</p>	<p>Keep pets indoors during the hottest times of the day (12pm-3pm) plan walks or exercise for the morning or evening hours when the temperature is cooler</p> <p>Take breaks while exercising and keep note of your pet's breathing</p> <p>Bring water with you when you go outside</p>
<p>Leave your pets out in the sun with no access to shade</p>	<p>Make sure your pet always has access to shade on a hot day</p>
<p>Assume that your pet has the same heat tolerance as you do – they don't</p>	<p>Use air-conditioning, fans, cooling pads, or a kiddie pool to cool down pets</p> <p>Give your pets cool treats/cold food/chilled wet food</p>
<p>Muzzle larger pets – panting is how they cool</p>	<p>Keep large, reactive pets in a cool indoor space and use basket muzzles when required so dogs can pant to cool themselves</p>