

# PET SAFETY TIPS HOT WEATHER



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## **Never Leave Your Pet in a Hot Car**

Never leave your pet alone in a vehicle, even with the windows cracked. It only takes a few minutes for the temperature inside to reach 160 degrees. If you see an animal in a hot car, try to locate the owner or call 911.

## **Watch Out for Hot Pavement**

Don't leave your pet standing on the hot pavement and keep walks to a minimum. Remember, if it's too hot for bare feet, it's too hot for bare paws!

## **Always Provide Water and Shade**

Bring your pet inside during the hot day and let them rest indoors. Be sensitive to the needs of older, obese or short-nosed dogs, who are less tolerant of the heat and should be kept indoors in air-conditioning as much as possible.

## **Limit Exercise**

Don't let playful pets overexert themselves in extremely warm weather. Exercise in the early morning and late evening to avoid the heat.

## **Watch for Signs of Heatstroke**

Excessive panting and drooling, high heart rate, discolored gums, mobility problems, high body temperature, vomiting, and diarrhea, are all symptoms of heat stroke. If your pet is experiencing these symptoms, contact your vet immediately.