

# Summer Safety Tips for Dogs



## Cooler Hours

Exercise your pet in the morning or evening. The intense heat of midday can overwhelm your dog.

## Stay Hydrated

Refill your dog's water bowl more often than usual on hot days. Add ice cubes to cool down your pup and prevent vomiting.

## Shady Spots

Prevent overheating with breaks out of the sun into a shady retreat every 30 minutes or so while outside.

## Check your pet's ID

Dogs are more likely to get lost in the summer months. Dogs spend more time outdoors and are more likely to get spooked by things like fireworks or get-togethers. Remember to keep ID on your pet at all times. Whether you have a microchip or tag, remember to update the information when needed.

## Mind the Puddles

Coolant and antifreeze taste super sweet and delicious to pets. Watch for any leaks in your garage and never let your pet drink out of puddles.



## Sun Protection

Don't forget the sunscreen and have your dog wear clothing. Dogs that are white, hairless and with light colored fur are most likely to suffer from sunburn. Speak to your veterinarian to find out what is best for your pet.

## Bugs

Fleas, ticks and mosquitoes thrive in warmer weather and present health dangerous to dogs and cats. Make sure your pet is up-to-date on his/her medications and check for any unwanted pests after your pet has been outside.

## How Hot Will It Get?

Outside Temp (F)	Inside Temp (F)	
	10 min.	30 min.
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°

## Hot Pup Paws

Be a friend to those paw pads with dog shoes or booties to prevent burns and blisters. Avoid hot surfaces such as pavement, concrete, wood, stone, metal and sand. Remember, if it's too hot to touch then it's too hot for their paws.

## Hot car - CAUTION!!!

**NEVER** leave a pet in the car, not even with the windows cracked, the inside of a car can heat up to over 120 degrees!

## Signs of Heat Stroke

Muddy, dark red gums (instead of bright pink), heavy panting with occasional frothing of the mouth, disorientation, increased heart rate, high fever, vomiting, weakness and lethargy. **What to do:** Remove your pet from the source of heat and contact your veterinarian **IMMEDIATELY.**

