



BEAT THE HEAT!

SUMMER PET SAFETY

Florida's scorching summers can be tough on everyone, including our furry friends. With temperatures often soaring above 90°F and high humidity levels, it's crucial to take proactive measures to ensure the safety and well-being of our pets. Here's a comprehensive guide on how to keep your pets safe and comfortable during the hot summer months in Florida.

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HYDRATE, HYDRATE, HYDRATE!

- Always provide access to fresh, clean water. Keep multiple water bowls in shaded areas both indoors and outdoors.
- Consider adding ice cubes to your pet's water bowl to help them stay cool.
- If you're taking your pet for a walk or outdoor activity, carry water and a portable bowl to keep them hydrated.



LIMIT TIME OUTDOORS

- Avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest parts of the day, typically between 10 AM and 4 PM.
- Opt for early morning or late evening walks when temperatures are cooler.
- Hot pavement can burn your pet's paw pads. Test the ground with your hand – if it's too hot for you, it's too hot for your pet.



PROVIDE SHELTER FROM THE SUN

- Ensure your pet has access to shady spots in your yard. Consider setting up a canopy or umbrella to create shade.
- If your pet spends time outdoors, provide a well-ventilated shelter such as a doghouse or a covered porch where they can retreat from the sun.



WATCH FOR SIGNS OF HEATSTROKE

- Heatstroke can be life-threatening for pets. Watch for symptoms such as excessive panting, drooling, rapid heartbeat, weakness, vomiting, or collapse.
- If you suspect your pet is suffering from heatstroke, move them to a cool, shaded area immediately and offer water. Then, seek veterinary assistance promptly.



GROOMING & SUN PROTECTION

- Keep your pet's fur coat trimmed and well-groomed, but never shave it too short as it provides insulation from the heat and sunburn.
- Light-colored or white pets are more susceptible to sunburn, especially on their ears and noses. Consider applying pet-safe sunscreen to these areas.