

Keeping pets COOL when it's HOT

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SOME FACTS:

- Dogs and cats **don't sweat** when they're hot; they pant.
- Many dogs don't know when to stop playing. **Limit exercise** during warmer temperatures. Go for walks early in the morning or during the evening.
- Heatstroke causes **severe brain damage**.
- **Signs of heatstroke** = Rapid, raspy panting, drooling, vomiting, weakness, collapse and seizures.
- Dog and cat breeds with **short snouts** are more susceptible to heatstroke.

Potential dangers:

Pavements can be very hot on paw pads and cause burns. Consider traction socks or shoes for dogs when walking outside.

Protect your pets from **insect bites**; use a DEET-free repellent.

Use **flea & tick control** during summer months.

Pets can get **sunburn**, too. Use a pet-safe sunscreen when taking pets outdoors. (Apply to ears, nose, tail, belly.)

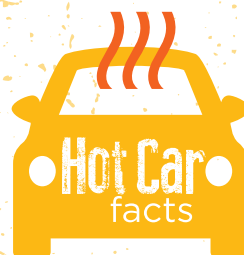
DO:

Make frozen treats for pets to help cool them down and prevent dehydration.



Hot cars are a death trap for pets.

Heatstroke can occur within minutes, even with the windows open.



On a 78-degree day, the **temperature inside a parked car** can soar to between **100 and 120 degrees** in just minutes and on a 90-degree day, it can reach as high as **160 degrees** in less than 10 minutes.



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