HOT WEATHER TIPS

KEEP YOUR PET SAFE WHEN TEMPERATURES RISE

As the temperatures rise, take extra care of yourself and your pets.
Pets can get heatstroke too. Learn how to keep your pets safe in hot weather.

SIGNS OF HEATSTROKE IN PETS

- Heavy panting
- Excess drooling
- Acts unsettled or panicked
- Weakness and muscle shaking or lack of coordination
- Convulsions, vomiting and collapse

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PET HAS HEATSTROKE

- Move your pet to a cool, shady place
- Offer cool drinking water
- Wet your pet with cool water
- **Do not apply ice** as this will slow blood flow and discourage cooling
- Fan your pet to reduce the animal's body temperature
- Take your pet to a veterinarian as soon as possible for further treatment

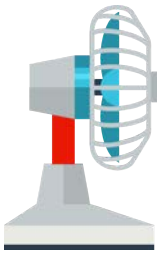
BE SAFE ON WALKS

- Stick to shady and grassy areas on walks
- Avoid walks during the hottest part of the day (between 11 AM and 3 PM)
- Bring water on your walks to offer your dog

SIDEWALK TEST

If the pavement is too hot to touch with your palm, it's too hot for your dog!

TIPS TO STAY COOL



- Fans can offer a cool breeze but make sure your pet can move away if they choose
- Your pet may also enjoy a misting from a spray bottle
- Place frozen water bottles wrapped in towels or damp towels around your home so that your pet can lie by or on them
- Leave a bowl of ice cubes out for your pet to lick
- Check your local pet store for cooling mats and cooling bandanas for pets

FLAT-FACED DOGS

Dogs cool down by panting. Dogs such as pugs, Boston terriers, French bulldogs and shih tzus are more sensitive to heat due to their **flat faces** as air flow is restricted. When it's hot, take extra care to monitor your flat-faced dog and limit activity and time in the heat.

OPEN WINDOW ALERT

Even if you live in a high-rise building on a higher floor, your cat may still get brave and jump out or fall out of an open window. We've heard of cats who have fallen from the 17th floor! If you keep your windows open to help create a breeze in the heat, try to set up some screens or netting to keep your cat safe.

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