

Do not put your pets in danger!



Never leave your pet alone in a parked vehicle—overheating can be fatal! It only takes ten minutes on an 85 degree day for the inside of your car to reach 102 degrees Fahrenheit—even when the windows have been left cracked open! When the temperature is a pleasant 70 degrees outside, the inside of your car may be as much as twenty degrees hotter. Parking in the shade offers little protection, as the sun shifts during the day.

Signs of Overheating in Pets

Heavy panting; increased salivation; dry mouth, nose and gums; weakness; vomiting or diarrhea, and ultimately, collapse.

Heat Stress Care

If you think your pet is suffering from heat stress, seek immediate veterinary care. As you wait for veterinary assistance, wet or sponge the animal down with cool (not ice) water. Take care not to get water in the mouth of an unconscious animal.

Pets Most at Risk

Elderly, young or overweight animals; pets with thick or dark-colored coats; dogs with short muzzles, such as pugs, bulldogs and Lhasa apsos; animals with heart or lung diseases.

Hot Weather Travel Tips

If you are traveling by car with your pet, here are some safety tips you “auto” know:

- Traveling across state lines? Carry your pet’s vaccination record as some states require this proof.
- It’s also smart to bring along flea and tick treatments for the area you will be visiting.
- Keep your pets safe and secure in a well-ventilated crate or carrier.
- Bring along a gallon thermos of cold water or a two-liter plastic bottle of water frozen the night before.
- The right time for playtime is the cool of the early morning or evening, and never after a meal when it’s hot and humid.
- Don’t let your dog stand on hot asphalt or tar - sensitive paw pads can burn! Walk on grass or soil when possible.

Overheating Kills!

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