

## Fact Sheet Hot Weather Tips for Pets



*Please follow these guidelines to protect your pets when the temperature rises*

- Always make sure your pet has fresh water every day. Check daily to make to ensure water bowl has not tilted over or is empty.
- Never leave an animal alone in a parked vehicle, even with the windows open. Overheating can kill an animal. Temperature rises quickly in a parked car even in the shade.
- Always provide plenty of shade for an animal staying outdoors. Make sure animals have shade throughout the day as the sun moves along the horizon.
- Bring pets indoors during the hottest part of the day if possible.
- Do not exercise pets during the day, after a meal, nor in humid weather. Exercise only during the coolest hours in the morning or in the late evening.
- In extreme hot weather, do not let your dog stand on the street and keep walks to a minimum. Dogs paws can burn on the sidewalk and on asphalt.
- Keep a current license and identification tag on your animal. Also keep a current photo in the event the dog becomes lost when traveling.
- When traveling always carry a fresh gallon of water.
- Avoid taking your pet to the beach, unless you can provide a shady spot and plenty of fresh water for it to drink.
- Be sensitive to old and overweight animals in hot weather.
- Be alert for coolant leaking from your vehicle. Animals are attracted to the sweet taste of coolant and ingestion can cause death.

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