



Short Safety Subject

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Pets Feel The Heat Too

In the hot weather remember the safety of your pet. Dogs and cats do not perspire like humans. Pets react to the high temperatures and humidity faster than humans. Any pets can suffer heat stress but like humans the young and old, those with previous history of heat stress, cardiovascular or respiratory disorders are more susceptible. The SPCA recommends the following tips to make the summer safe and fun for our four-legged friends.

- Always provide plenty of shade for a pet staying outside the house. If possible, bring your pet inside during the hottest part of the day.
- Always provide plenty of cool, clean water for your pet.
- Always exercise your pet in the cool of the day or early morning and evening. Be alert to hot pavement that can quickly burn their feet.
- Always keep your pet well groomed and check often for fleas and ticks.
- Always hose down your dog after he has been swimming in salt water. If you take him to the beach, provide him with a shaded area and plenty of fresh drinking water.
- Always be alert to symptoms of heatstroke: twitching, rapid panting, salivation, and a racing pulse. To counteract heatstroke: pour water on every three to five minutes and then place pet in a draft or under a fan and immediately call your vet.
- Always be alert for coolant leaks from your car or trunk engine. During summer, cars are more likely to overheat and overflow; both antifreeze and coolants attract your pet, and ingesting just a small amount could cause your animal's death.