

KEEP OUR DOGS Cool & Safe

BEAT THE HEAT

As a shelter volunteer, you play a vital role in keeping the dogs in our care healthy and safe.

Learn how to recognize heat related illness and help prevent it.



DOGS CAN'T SWEAT LIKE WE DO.

They rely on us to keep them cool!



RECOGNIZE HEAT RELATED ILLNESS

Heat related illness can happen quickly and can be life-threatening.

WATCH FOR THESE SIGNS:



EXCESSIVE PANTING

Heavy, noisy panting or difficulty catching their breath



EXCESSIVE DROOLING

More drool than usual, often thick or stringy



RED GUMS OR TONGUE

Gums/tongue may appear bright red or even purple



LETHARGY OR WEAKNESS

Unusual tiredness, weakness, stumbling, or collapse



VOMITING OR DIARRHEA

May occur with heat stress



RAPID HEART RATE

Heart racing or seeming unusually stressed



IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE SIGNS:

Move the dog to a cool area immediately, offer water, and notify a staff member **RIGHT AWAY**.



PREVENT HEAT RELATED ILLNESS

A little prevention goes a long way!



ALWAYS PROVIDE FRESH, COOL WATER

Keep water full, clean, and accessible at all times.



PROVIDE SHADE AND COOL SPACES

Ensure dogs have access to shade, fans, or indoor areas to escape the heat.



LIMIT EXERCISE AND PLAYTIME

Avoid active play during the hottest parts of the day (10am – 4pm).



CHECK SURFACES

Hot pavement and metal can burn paws. If it's too hot for your hand, it's too hot for their feet.



NEVER LEAVE DOGS IN CARS

Even a few minutes can be deadly. Temperatures rise fast!



KNOW THE TEMPERATURE

Pay attention to heat and humidity. When in doubt, take extra precautions.



WHEN IT'S HOT, BE EXTRA VIGILANT.

Senior dogs, puppies, overweight dogs, and dogs with short noses (like Bulldogs, Pugs, Boxers) are especially at risk.



Thank you for helping keep our dogs safe and comfortable!

YOUR CARE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE. ❤️

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