




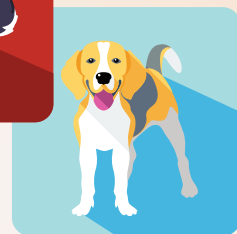
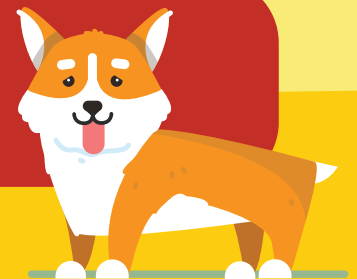
KEEPING YOUR  
**DOG SAFE**  
FROM  
**Summer Heat**

During the hot summer months, dogs have a limited capacity to deal with the heat, which can lead to heat stroke.<sup>1</sup>

## WHY IS MY DOG VULNERABLE TO THE HEAT?



Dogs can't release heat by sweating as we do, so their internal body temperature rises more quickly.<sup>2</sup>



### DOGS THAT ARE ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE TO HEAT

INCLUDE<sup>3</sup>:

Flat-faced dogs ☀ Dogs with thick fur coats ☀ Overweight dogs  
Senior dogs ☀ Puppies

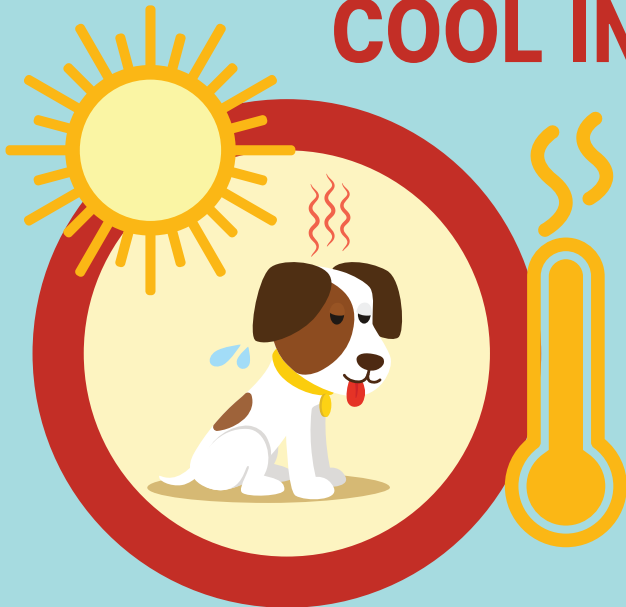
# WHAT ARE SIGNS OF OVERHEATING?

If you take your dog out during the summer, watch out for these signs and symptoms of heat stroke<sup>2,4</sup>:



If you notice any of these signs, take your dog to the vet as soon as possible.

## WHAT CAN I DO TO KEEP MY DOG COOL IN SUMMER<sup>1,5</sup>?



- Never leave your dog alone in the car, **even with the windows rolled down.**
- Keep plenty of water available. If the water bowl is outside, keep it in the shade.
- Walk your dog in shaded areas. Pavement can burn your dog's paws.
- Take walks and exercise during the cooler hours of the day.
- Keep your dog inside when it's hot.
- Take breaks when exercising and make sure your dog is not panting too hard.

**Heat stroke can be very dangerous for your dog but with the right steps, it is preventable!**

If you're unsure how to keep your dog safe in hot summer months, talk to your veterinarian.

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