



DOG CARE



Heat Stress

Whether pets are at home with you, relocated during high fire risk days or brought along on holidays, you need to plan and prepare for their safety as well as your family's and your own during heatwaves.

Hot weather

Heat stress in dogs occurs when they are unable to maintain their normal body temperature on a hot day. On all hot days, especially days of Severe, Extreme or Code Red fire danger, keep your pets as cool as possible.

Keeping your pets comfortable on a hot day is your responsibility.

Heat stress - look for the warning signs:

- Excessive panting.
- Salivating.
- Pets that whine or seem agitated.

In cases of severe heat stress or heat stroke, pets may stop panting and vomit. If your pet shows these symptoms, consult a vet immediately. Keep your vet's handy at all times.

Tips for keeping pets cool

- Have fresh, cold water available at all times.
- Ensure your pet has shade at all times or bring them inside into a cool room.
- Wipe your pet down with a cool, damp towel or leave wet towels out for them to lie on.
- Wet your dog with cool water several times throughout the day.
- Consider buying a wading pool for your dog.
- Place ice blocks in your pet's water bowl.
- Place ice in a pillow case and place it near your pets.
- Consider having your dog clipped if their coat is long and thick.
- Never leave your pets in a vehicle on a hot day.

