



Prevent your dog from getting burnt by the Summer Sun

Pay attention to your pet's exposed areas, such as around his lips, ears and nose. Apply sunblock to the tips of your pet's ears and the top of the nose.

Protect your fair-haired pet. Just like people with pale white skin, dogs with lighter-colored fur are at greater risk for getting sunburned.

Keep your pet in the shade during peak sun hours.

Don't Overdo It In The Heat.

Heat exhaustion can kill your pet. Never leave a pet alone in a car, even with the windows down. Your car can reach 120 degrees Fahrenheit in minutes, even if the weather is reasonable on the outside. Even if you park in shade, don't assume it will stay that way. Remember the earth rotates, so what was shady an hour ago is now sun-beaten.

Bring plenty of water, for both you and your pet. Don't forget the water dish.

Don't force your dog to run around after a meal in hot, humid weather. Stick to early morning or evening workout sessions.

Don't tie your dog up in the sun or make him stand on the street in hot weather. Keep mid-day walks to a minimum. Dogs perspire through their footpads, so the longer he is on the hot pavement, the less able he is to cool down. And remember, he's much closer to the hot asphalt than you are.

Don't take your pet to the beach unless you can find a cool spot for him. Make sure to rinse any saltwater off too. Again, the hot sand affects his ability to cool down to a greater extent than you.

Make sure your pet has a place to hang out when outside. A good doghouse works nice but it's best to bring a dog, or any other animal, into the house and out of the sun.

Always give your pet clean, fresh water. Don't forget to check the dish to make sure it's not empty. When replacing water, use cool water.

Keep old and overweight animals out of the heat. Snub-nosed dogs, especially bulldogs and Pekingese, and those with heart or lung disease, should be kept indoors as much as possible.

I know I am stating the obvious but just a gentle reminder of good practice for when and if we get some sun this summer!!