

CARING FOR PETS IN SUMMER



Summer weather and the heat affects animals in the same way it does people. The young and the old are affected most as they are least able to regulate their environment and their body temperature. All animals need to have adequate shade and access to plenty of clean, fresh water. Without water animals will quickly dehydrate and become seriously ill. Owners with animals with thick or long coats should be particularly careful to keep their animals out of the heat on very warm days.

Another less obvious concern for animals in summer is sunburn. Animals with pale skin which is sparsely haired (ie nose, lips, eyes, abdomen) can often suffer from serious sunburn when exposed to the sun's harmful rays so follow the same guidelines as for people (keep them out of the midday sun, give them plenty of shade and even use zinc or sunburn creams that are child-safe and that wont harm your pets if they lick it off).

Animals should not be left in confined spaces like cars, small sheds or any area which is not adequately cooled by a breeze, shade or insulation on hot days!

