

MEET THE PURRFECT AND PAWESOME  
PETS OF THE  
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KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE  
FROM THE HEAT!



 **ethos**  
extreme heat + older persons

## KEY TIPS

- ☀ Watch the temperature, limit exercise or outdoor activities on hot days.
- ☀ Provide a shaded, cool area with ample air circulation for your pets, both indoors and outdoors. Proper ventilation is essential since many animals cool down through panting, which relies on good airflow.



### SIGNS THAT YOUR PET COULD BE EXPERIENCING HEAT STRESS

- ☀ Excessive panting
- ☀ Drooling
- ☀ Agitation, restlessness
- ☀ Warm skin
- ☀ Breathing problems
- ☀ Red gums/tongue
- ☀ Vomiting/diarrhoea
- ☀ Lethargy or weakness
- ☀ Muscle tremors



## KEY TIPS

- ☀ Keep your vet's contact details. Consult if you're unsure about your pet's health and well-being during hot weather.
- ☀ Never leave animals in a vehicle. Heat stress and death can occur in under ten minutes.
- ☀ Ensure there's always access to plenty of water especially if you are leaving the home.



### DOGS

- ☀ Heat exhaustion can be fatal
- ☀ Walk in cooler hours to protect paws. Roads and footpaths may remain hot after sunset. Check the temperature and consider dog's paws as they're closer to the ground and more exposed to the heat.
- ☀ Extra care for obese, elderly, or respiratory-challenged dogs



### CATS

- ☀ Prevent heat exhaustion by providing cool, shaded area with good ventilation and access to fresh water, both indoors and outdoors



### CHICKENS

- ☀ Dampen your chook run - chickens can lower their body heat by contact with wet ground



### FISH

- ☀ Use beach umbrellas for outdoor ponds and move indoor tanks away from sunny windows



### SMALL MAMMALS

- ☀ Keep indoors in coolest room
- ☀ Use fans for air circulation
- ☀ Provide frozen water bottles wrapped in towels
- ☀ Avoid sudden temperature changes
- ☀ Refresh water frequently



### BIRDS

- ☀ House indoor birds in coolest room, avoid direct fan/AC
- ☀ Use misting sprays for aviaries, don't turn off until heat fades
- ☀ Provide multiple water dishes, including for bathing



### REPTILES

- ☀ Turn off heating/light on extremely hot days
- ☀ Provide frozen water bottles or shallow water dish
- ☀ Geckos are particularly sensitive to heat



### HORSES

- ☀ They are better at tolerating cold weather than hot, ensure shade and water access
- ☀ Cool with hosing, no need to scrape



### WILDLIFE

- ☀ Leave various water dishes in shaded areas
- ☀ Cover swimming pools to prevent drowning
- ☀ Consider hanging fruit for flying foxes



## HIGH RISK ANIMALS



- ☀ Those with existing conditions (heart/breathing issues)
- ☀ Thick/long-coated animals
- ☀ Very young or very old pets
- ☀ Short-nosed breeds

