

# Summer Safety with your pet



## Protect your pets from heat stroke

Heat stroke occurs when the body cannot maintain its temperature in a safe range.<sup>1</sup>

### Heat stroke in dogs can occur in situations such as:

- Being left inside a parked car
- Strenuous exercise in hot weather
- Being muzzled while under a hair dryer
- Being housed on concrete or asphalt
- Being housed without shade or water in hot weather



Normal body temperature of a dog is within 100° to 102.5°F<sup>1</sup>

Animal recovery can occur if body temperature can be lowered



Moderate heat stroke: body temperature from 104° to 106°F<sup>1</sup>



Severe heat stroke: body temperature over 106°F<sup>1</sup>

Immediate veterinary care is needed, can be fatal!



A dog can suffer brain damage at 107° and die at 120°<sup>2</sup>



### Never leave pets alone inside a parked car

On an 85 degree day, for example, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. Your pet may suffer irreversible organ damage or die.<sup>3</sup>



### Summer travel with your pets

Before you begin your trip make sure to pack:

- Copies of veterinary health and shot records
- Name, phone number and office address of home veterinarian
- List of any medications
- First aid kit
- Extra leash and collar
- Address and phone number of veterinary clinics in areas that you will visit



### Antifreeze

As the summer days get warmer, cars that overheat may leak antifreeze. Pets are drawn to the sweetness of this toxic chemical. Even when ingested in very small amounts, antifreeze is poisonous to animals, and a veterinarian should be contacted immediately. Some public fountains may contain antifreeze, do not let your pet drink from them.

