

HOW TO KEEP YOUR DOG SAFE IN A HEATWAVE



WALK AT COOLER TIMES

Avoid the hottest part of the day and minimise how much time your dog spends in the sun by taking them for a walk early in the morning and later in the evening.



COOL YOUR DOG DOWN

To cool a dog down move to a shaded area, drape them with a cool, wet towel and offer them cool (not cold) water. You can also give them access to a shallow paddling pool.



SPOT THE SIGNS

Signs of overheating or heatstroke include panting, excessive salivation, fatigue, tremors and staggering. Cool your dog down immediately if you spot these signs and contact their vet.



NEVER LEAVE A DOG IN A CAR

Even with the windows open and in the shade, a car can heat up quickly and become a death trap - even on a mildly warm/sunny day.



FIND COOL PLACES

Wherever your dog is it should have access to shade, cool and clean water and ideally a cool breeze. Areas of the house that can get particularly hot, such as conservatories, should be off limits.



BEWARE OF HOT SURFACES

If a pavement feels hot to your fingers then it is too hot for the pads on your dog's paws.