

DOGS AND HEAT STROKE



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Every year, vets treat hundreds of cases of heat stroke in dogs, and unfortunately, some of these cases end tragically.

Many instances of heat stroke occur when owners walk their dogs between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. when temperatures tend to be highest.

The good news is that most heat-related illnesses can be prevented, but it's crucial to understand when dogs are most vulnerable.

Our simple guide helps you determine safe outdoor conditions for your furry friend.



TEMPERATURE GUIDELINES

32+ °C

10/10

Heat stroke is a significant risk, no matter the dog's condition, size, or breed.

28-31 °C

9/10

This range is dangerous for all dogs and life-threatening for larger breeds, puppies, as well as dogs with flat faces or obesity.

24-27 °C

8/10

Exercise extreme caution here. Most dogs, especially those that are large, overweight, have flat faces or are very young, might struggle in these temperatures.

20-23 °C

6/10

Even at this range, dogs can get heat stroke if exercised too vigorously or if they have existing health issues like obesity or breathing difficulties.

16-19 °C

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Safe to exercise dogs at any time, but be cautious with larger, heavier, or flat-faced breeds.

12-15 °C

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No signs of heat stroke risk, so go ahead and enjoy your walk.