

DID YOU KNOW?

Dogs can also get heatstroke (burns on paws) from **everyday activities**

like running, walking, or playing.

Brain damage can occur at core temperatures as low as **41°C**.

The **mortality** rate is around **50%**.



The longer dogs experience **very high body temperature**, the more likely they are to die.

DOGS AT INCREASED RISK

Brachycephalic

Working, competition dogs

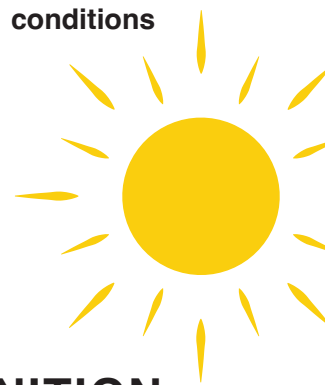
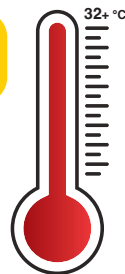
Obese

With dark coat color

At **32+ °C**,

heatstroke is a significant risk regardless of physical fitness, size, color or breed!

Physically unfit dogs exercising in hot/humid conditions



HEATSTROKE IN DOGS

SYMPTOMS

Restlessness
Heavy panting
Red or pale gums
Vomiting
Lethargy

Lack of appetite or coordination
Collapse/shock/coma



DEFINITION

HEATSTROKE OCCURS WHEN **NORMAL BODY MECHANISMS CAN'T KEEP THE BODY'S TEMPERATURE IN A SAFE RANGE.**

DOGS DON'T HAVE EFFICIENT COOLING SYSTEMS LIKE HUMANS (WHO SWEAT) AND CAN GET OVERHEATED EASILY.

HEATSTROKE IS A PREVENTABLE CONDITION!

HOW TO PREVENT HEATSTROKE:

- ! **Restrict** exercise
- ! Always provide **drinking water** and a **shaded spot**
- ! Walk the dog **only in the morning** or **later in the evening**
- ! **Never leave** the dog in a **car** or **hot room**
- ! Be aware of your dog's **health issues**



STEPS TO TAKE IF YOU ARE WORRIED YOUR DOG HAS HEAT STROKE

1. Find some **shade**, move your dog out of the heat to a **cold surface**
2. Offer small **drinks** of **cool water**
3. Apply **cool towels** to the **head, neck, and chest**
4. Take your dog to the **veterinarian immediately!**

