



## TIPS FOR KEEPING PETS SAFE IN THE HEAT

Dogs and cats cannot sweat and lose body heat through panting. When the weather is hot and humid, evaporation from the tongue is less effective and core body temperatures can quickly rise. This causes irreversible damage to internal organs such as kidneys, liver and brain.

### Signs your pet is suffering heat stress:

- excessive panting
- restlessness/distress
- drooling
- vomiting and diarrhoea
- weakness and collapse
- seizure
- loss of consciousness



Breeds with short faces (such as pugs and bulldogs) are particularly susceptible.

### Tips for keeping your pet safe:

- do not exercise in hot, humid weather. Even in evenings in Brisbane it can remain quite muggy!
- always have cool fresh water available. Add ice bricks to their drinking bowl
- keep them inside in the air-conditioning if that is an option!
- if they can't come inside, hose them down intermittently and provide air movement with a fan
- never ever EVER leave an animal in a parked car regardless of the outside temperature!!!

If signs of heat stress are seen, hose them down and get to a vet ASAP.