



Animal Care

HEATSTROKE

IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR DOG IS
OVERHEATING, ACT FAST TO INITIATE THE
COOL-DOWN PROCESS.



SOME FACTS

Cats and dogs *don't sweat*; they **pant**.

Many dogs don't know when to stop playing. **Limit**
exercise during warmer temperatures.

Signs of heatstroke: rapid, raspy panting, drooling,
weakness and collapse.

Dogs with **short snouts** are more susceptible to
heatstroke

- Put your dog in a cool bath or hose them down with a garden hose. Avoid ice water as this can cause life-threatening consequences.
- Offer your dog some water, but do not waste time forcing your pup to drink because it's not going to lower your dog's temperature by itself.
- Load your wet dog into the car and quickly head to the veterinarian. Call on your way to let them know your concern so they can take appropriate preparatory measures.
- Run your car air conditioning with the windows down for the drive. The evaporation helps lower warm body temperature.
- Do not wrap your dog in a wet towel. This prevents the heat from leaving their body.

