

HEAT CAN KILL DOGS

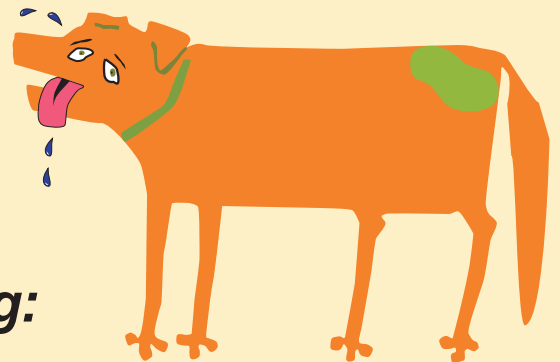


Walk your dog in the early morning or evening when it is cooler.

If you choose to walk your dog in the mid-day heat, find a shady trail, stop often, and bring plenty of extra water for your dog.

Know the signs of heat emergency:

- Excessive panting
- Lying down often/unwilling or unable to get up
- Dark red gums/late pale gums
- Dry mucous membranes and/or thick saliva
- Disoriented or unstable



Immediate action could save your dog:

- Get your dog into the shade immediately.
- Cool your dog with cool wet rags on their body, especially head and feet.
- Try to get your dog to drink, but do not force water into their mouth.
- Use cool but not freezing cold water or ice on the body. **Cooling the body too quickly with very cold water or ice can cause blood vessels to constrict resulting in the internal temperature rising even further.**
- Call or visit your vet right away.

For more information visit www.osmp.org or call 303-441-3440.