



# PROTECT YOUR ANIMALS FROM HEAT WAVE

## PRECAUTIONS FOR PETS DURING HEAT WAVE

- If possible, bring your pets inside when it is very hot.
- If they can't be left inside, make sure there are some sheltered shady spots in the garden where your pet can rest. Check there will be shade at all times of day, as that will change depending on the position of the sun.
- Don't leave pets in closed garden sheds or garages, as these can heat up very quickly on a hot day.
- Make sure your pets have plenty of clean, fresh water to drink and that it is not placed in the sun. Putting ice blocks in your pet's water during the day will help keep it cool.
- Consider having two drinking bowls in case one runs out of water or gets knocked over.
- Don't leave your pet's food outside in the heat. If your pet does not eat its food when first given, bring it inside and put in the fridge until later.
- If you have a dog, avoid walking it in the heat. Take it for a walk in the early morning or evening when it is cooler.
- Don't let your dog walk on hot surfaces (pavements, bitumen roads, hot sand), as their paws are sensitive and can get burnt.
- Never leave pets alone in a car in any circumstance, even if the windows are partly open.

