



Dog Talk™ the Radio Show

Dog Talk Newsletter

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"Hot Weather Warnings"

Tips on keeping your dog cool in the heat.

- If your dog is outside during the day, make sure there is lots of shade for him.
- Walk the dog in the cool of the day, preferably early in the morning. By the end of the day, even though the sun has gone down, the ground and pavement can still be really hot. As a test, put your palm flat on the ground - if your hand can't comfortably maintain contact, it will be hot for the dog's paws, too. At the very least, keep the walk brief.
- After a walk on hot pavement, get your dog to stand in water - if there is no outside source, a low dishpan is fine or fill the bathtub with a few inches of cool water. It will soothe his paws and also help cool him off.
- Stand on grass or shaded surfaces when outdoors with your dog; asphalt and concrete absorb heat and can burn footpads.
- Always take along water and a bowl anytime you're out and about with your dog, but especially in hot weather. Offer him a drink frequently.
- Don't shave off all the dog's hair. You may think that fur is hotter, but a pet's fur actually helps insulate him from the heat (and can help prevent sunburn). Try a "puppy cut" instead.
- If you have a garden or yard, fill a hard-sided plastic kiddie-pool with water: your dog(s) can use it to drink from and to walk or lie down in to cool off, especially after a walk or playing (you'll need to empty it frequently or mosquitoes will come to play).
- Leave your dog at home when you run errands - your car turns into an oven in minutes, even parked in the shade.

These tips are excerpted from Tracie Hotchner's "The Dog Bible: Everything Your Dog Wants You to Know." [Click here to go to The Dog Bible website](#) to read more tips about "all things dog".

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The Dog Bible



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author of The Dog
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July 15: "Dog Food"
August 1: "Oodles"
August 15: "Cancer"
**Sept. 1: "Traveling with Your
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