



THE DOGGY DIGEST

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Beat the Summer Heat with Fido

Baby, it's hot out there!

If it is too hot for you, it is too hot for Fido also. Here are a few quick tips to keep Fido safe this summer while you enjoy some summer festivities as well.

Exercising Fido

Make sure to schedule Fido's walks early in the mornings, or late in the evenings. The mornings are even better because the sidewalks, roads, and sands have had all night to cool off.

Teach Fido how to play games indoors. Some fun games can be fetch, tug-of-war, or how to jump through a hula hoop.

Work on Fido's known behaviors. Known behaviors are behaviors Fido has already learned like sit, down, paw, or touch. Simple behaviors like these can be mentally engaging enough to relax Fido so he can settle.

Beware of heat exhaustion

Heat exhaustion in dogs can be a very dangerous situation that can lead to tragic circumstances. Sadly, we hear of stories where animals are left in hot and poorly ventilated vehicles all the time.

It is never okay to leave your dog alone in a vehicle. In Galveston, if you leave your dog in a hot car, you can expect anything from a broken window to stiff fines and even jail time.

Here is what to look for if you suspect your dog has heat exhaustion

- Excessive panting or drooling
- Dry or sticky gums
- Abnormal gum color or bruising in gums
- Lethargy or disorientation
- Seizures

If you suspect heat exhaustion in your dog, immediately move Fido to a cool and shady spot and pour cool (not cold) water over him.

Most importantly, call your veterinarian or emergency veterinary clinic.

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Until next time, keep it pawsitive!