# KEEPING YOUR DOG COOL THIS SUMMER Heatstroke in Dogs



# What is it?

When a dog's internal body temperature goes above a normal temperature of 101.5. This can cause health issues such as organ damage, and even death.

#### What are the signs?

heavy panting and rapid breathing, excessive drooling, dry mucous membranes, bright red gums and tongue, and a higher heart rate. Affected dogs may have difficulty maintaining balance.





# Who is at risk?

All dogs can get it, but dogs who are

elderly, younger puppies, and dogs who are overweight or have chronic health issues are more susceptible.

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#### **How to prevent it?**

Excercise early morning or later in the day. Provide plenty of shade, ventialtion, and cool, fresh water.



### **How to treat it?**

if you suspect your dog may have heatstroke, call your vet immediately. Bring your dog inside a cool area, apply a cool damp washcloth to the dog's belly.

