

Halo Hounds Family,

Halo Hounds takes the health and safety of your dogs very seriously. Here are some updates and safety measurements we will be taking to ensure your pups stay comfortable and protected from the heat.

- ★ For those who receive morning walks, we may ask to walk your dog slightly earlier, especially on the really hot days. This way we can help many of our furry family members avoid the afternoon heat.
- ★ If we can't place our hand on the cement comfortably for 7-10 seconds we will avoid cement areas and walk your dog in the grass/shade.
- ★ Please let us know if your dog needs water available while we are away from the house. We will make sure your dog has access to water in the house after our walk is finished.
- ★ Brachycephalic, overweight, and young/elderly dogs have a higher risk of developing health issues in the summertime. If your dog falls into this category or is sensitive to the heat please let us know so we can make adjustments. [If your dog shows signs of distress or heat exhaustion, we reserve the right to end the walk immediately and return home. We will promptly notify the owner and take appropriate action to ensure your dog's condition does not escalate.](#)
- ★ If the temperature is above 85 degrees, your dog's outside time will be limited to a potty break in the yard. The rest of the session will be spent inside the house playing/training or providing an enrichment activity.
- ★ If your dog begins presenting signs of heat stroke we will either contact you or your emergency contact right away and make a plan on getting your dog to the nearest vet hospital.
- ★ As you know, the west coast has been experiencing a number of wildfires causing unhealthy and hazardous air quality. If the air quality index is at 100, it's considered unhealthy for sensitive groups. Please understand that we spend most of our time outside and if we are feeling affected by the air quality we may need to make adjustments to your dog's walk routine.
- ★ If you need to cancel due to the heat please let us know at least 24 hours prior to the day of your walk to avoid late cancellation fees. It is possible for us to reschedule the walk to cooler day of the week if we have a spot available.
- ★ If you plan on taking a summer vacation or need to change your walking schedule for the season please let us know as soon as possible!



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how hot is too hot?				
Temperature	Small Dog	Medium Dog	Large Dog	Risk Level
60°	1	1	1	1 No evidence of risk: Have fun outside!
65°	1	1	2	2 Risk is unlikely: Have fun outside, but be careful!
70°	2	2	3	3 Unsafe potential, depending on breed. Keep an eye on your pet outdoors.
75°	3	3	3	4 Dangerous weather developing. Use caution.
80°	3	3	4	5 Potentially life-threatening heat. Avoid prolonged outdoor activity.
85°	4	4	5	
90°	5	5	5	+1 if obese
95°	5	5	5	+1 if brachycephalic breed
				+1 if less than 6 months old or elderly
				-1 if area is shaded from sun
				-1 if water is available

References:
[AirNOW.gov](#)
[How Hot is Too Hot...](#)
[When the Pavement is Too Hot...](#)
[Heat Exhaustion in Dogs](#)

Heatstroke in Pets

Know the Signs to Help Protect Your Pet

How Heatstroke Occurs

Because dogs can't sweat, they are more prone to developing heatstroke when they are overexposed to heat. Depending on the breed of the dog or any possible internal health issues, some dogs can develop heatstroke very quickly.¹

How Hot Is Too Hot?

107°F - 109°F HEATSTROKE
104°F HEAT EXHAUSTION
100°F - 102.5°F NORMAL

Signs & Symptoms

Seizures or collapsing.¹
Excessive panting and increased salivation.¹
Lethargy, vomiting, and diarrhea.¹

Short-Nose Dogs

Dog breeds like Pugs, English bulldogs, and Shih Tzus have a shortened airway and when they are placed in an environment with high temperatures, they cannot properly cool themselves down, making them more susceptible to heatstroke.¹

What To Do

Make sure your pet is well hydrated during the day and keep your pet at home if you need to run errands.¹

What Not To Do

Do not leave your pet in a hot car, even with the windows cracked open. Avoid walking or playing with your pet during the hottest part of the day.¹

If Your Pet Develops Heatstroke

If your animal does overheat, begin cooling with cool water, not ice water, and bring it to your nearest emergency veterinary facility for evaluation and hospitalization to prevent life-threatening consequences, such as seizures or multiple organ failure.¹

Sources:
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