

What Can You Do to Help a Dog Suffering from Heat Stroke?



Get to a Veterinarian as soon as possible (these suggestions do not replace veterinary advice) but while you are waiting to see a vet, here is some general information and some suggestions of actions you can take.

Signs of heat-related illness/heat stroke

Heavy panting, excessive drooling, glazed eyes, rapid pulse, unsteadiness/staggering, bloody vomit, bloody diarrhea or nose bleed, dry, deep red or purple young, hemorrhages in the gums or under skin, coma. A temperature over 104.

Care suggestions for dogs with suspected heat-related illness

- Seek veterinary care as soon as possible, even if the dog seems to be improving
- Move the dog to a cooler area
- Gradually lower the dog's body temperature, by applying cool (not cold) water all over his body or making him in a cool bath.
- Place cool, wet towels over the back of the dog's neck and in the arm pits, paws, ear flaps and groin areas.
- Direct a fan on the wet areas of the dog to speed evaporative cooling.
- Offer fresh, cool water, if the dog is alert and wants to drink. Do not force him to drink.