



Warm Weather Safety for Pets

Avoiding Heat Stroke

With the arrival of summer, it is important to remember that pets do not tolerate high environmental temperatures as well as humans do. Heat stroke is an emergency that requires immediate treatment. Early signs of heat stroke include panting and difficulty breathing. The tongue and mucous membranes appear bright red. The saliva is thick and the animal may vomit. Body temperature rises rapidly and the pet becomes progressively unsteady. Shock, collapse, seizures, coma and death can ensue rapidly.

The following strategies can help protect your pet from heat stroke:

- Animals with airway disease and breathing problems should be kept indoors during period of high heat and humidity. This is especially true of *brachycephalic* (flat-faced) breeds such as Bulldogs or Pugs.
- Never leave your pet in a parked car, even if it is parked in the shade.
- Restrict exercise in hot weather.
- Always provide shade and plenty of cool water to pets, and ensure that carriers and kennels are well-ventilated. Avoid confining pets on concrete or asphalt surfaces.



Helen Gurley enjoys a water fountain.

Tualatin Riverkeepers Warn of Toxic Algae in Local River

Caution is urged for people using the lower Tualatin River for recreation. Blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria, are blooming in the river now. Some species of blue-green algae produce harmful toxins dangerous to humans and pets. "Each year 8 or 9 dogs in Oregon die from toxins after swimming in water infected with blue-green algae," said US Geological Survey scientist Kurt Carpenter. The Tualatin Riverkeepers urge people and pets to avoid going in the water while the level of risk is being assessed.

News @ Hillsdale Vet:

We will be at the **Hillsdale Farmers Market on Sunday July 13 from 10am to 2pm.** Stop by to chat and pick up fun freebies for your dog or cat. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join us in wishing *bon voyage* to Dr. Flecker and his son, Sam, as they head to Ecuador! They will return later this month. Stay tuned for news and photos.