

Never Leave An Animal In A Car In Warm Weather !!!!

- Ⓢ A car parked in the shade on a day when the environmental temperature is 26°C can reach 32°C in minutes!
- Ⓢ A car parked in the sun will reach 82°C!
- Ⓢ An animal can contract heat stroke in 15 minutes and suffer severe brain damage.
- Ⓢ After 20 minutes the animal will die!
- Ⓢ In one 1 week the RSPCA received 3,000 calls regarding 4,589 dogs left in cars!

Sunburn And Squamous Cell Carcinoma.

Animals with white non-pigmented areas of skin, often with only a thin covering of, can suffer skin damage from exposure to the sun.

- The most commonly affected areas are the **ear flaps** and the **nose**.
- Initially the area will be **red and sore** but continued exposure to the sun can lead to a serious condition called **Squamous Cell Carcinoma**.
- This is a **malignant tumour** which will destroy the tissue causing red ulcerated areas.

Heat Stroke In Pets.

As well as cats and dogs, small animals such as rabbits and guinea pigs are vulnerable to heat stroke.

- Signs of heat stroke are: **heavy panting, increased saliva production and lack of co-ordination.**
- Treat an animal with heat stroke by **placing it in the shade** where there is good air flow. **Wet towels** with cool water and **place them over the animal.**

Contact the vet for advice

Tips To Keep Your Pet Cool In Hot Weather!

- Make sure your dog has access to clean, fresh and cool water, two or three bowls if needed.
- Make sure there is a shaded spot in the garden or a cool well ventilated porch out of direct sunlight.
- Don't walk your dogs during the hottest part of the day, choose early morning or evening.

- Walk your dog somewhere you know there are lots of trees and shaded areas. Avoid fields.
- When walking your dog make sure you have a large bottle of cool water with you at all times for if your dog does get hot.
- Be careful what type of surface you walk your dog on. Some pavements and sands can burn your dog's paws if really hot.

- You should NEVER leave your pet unattended in a car on a hot day, EVER!
- It may be necessary to apply sun cream to exposed areas of skin or if the animal has a short/ thin coat.
- Use a SPF 15 or above on these areas.