

# Summer Safety Checklist



Here's a summary of key actions to prevent and respond to overheating:

<b>PREVENT</b>	
Always provide fresh, cool water. Carry water on walks.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure access to shade outdoors.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walk/exercise only in early morning or late evening.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check pavement temperature – if too hot for your hand, it's too hot for paws.	<input type="checkbox"/>
NEVER leave your dog in a car, even for a minute.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use cooling aids (mats, vests, paddling pools).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cool your home (fans, AC, closed curtains).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brush double coats regularly; don't shave.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Be extra cautious with high-risk dogs (flat-faced, old, young, overweight, ill).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitor body language closely.	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>ACTION HEAT EXHAUSTION (MILD SIGNS)</b>	
Always provide fresh, cool water. Carry water on walks.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure access to shade outdoors.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walk/exercise only in early morning or late evening.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check pavement temperature – if too hot for your hand, it's too hot for paws.	<input type="checkbox"/>
NEVER leave your dog in a car, even for a minute.	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>ACTION HEATSTROKE (SEVERE SIGNS)</b>	
IMMEDIATE MEDICAL EMERGENCY.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Start cooling immediately: apply cool (not ice) water to body (belly, groin, paws, armpits).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use airflow (fan).	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport to vet immediately, continuing cooling during transit.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stop active cooling around 39.5°C if you can measure temp.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do NOT use ice or ice water.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do NOT force water.	<input type="checkbox"/>