

Heatstroke in Cats

Heatstroke can occur at any time in the year.

Cats do not respond to heat the same as humans do.

It can happen faster than you think.

What is Heatstroke?

Hyperthermia

Temp
Above
Normal

Serious

Life
Threatening

Causes of Heatstroke

- Warm/hot Environment
- No Ventilation
- Inadequate shade
- Inadequate access to water

Signs of Heatstroke

Agitation,
Breathing Distress
Vomiting
Collapsing
Lethargy
Dizzy
Drooling
Bright Red Tongue



Restlessness
Breathing Distress
No Urine Production
Weakness
Staggering
Panting
Dark Gums or Pale Gums

Avoiding Heatstroke

Keep Pet in a cool well-ventilated space

Provide access to shade

Provide access to fresh clean drinking water at all times

Never leave your pet in a car

Avoid exercising pet in hot weather

Avoid hot sand, concrete and other areas where heat is reflected

Be aware of symptoms

Watch for signs and symptoms

Treatment

Remove cat from the hot environment immediately

Apply cool water to fur and skin

Fan to maximise heat loss

Wet down area around the cat

Don't use Ice-cold water or ice

Take cat to the nearest Vet immediately

As a responsible pet owner you have a responsibility

**HEATSTROKE IS AN EMERGENCY
SEE YOUR VET IMMEDIATELY**



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