Heat and Pets: Heatstroke and Heat Exhaustion

Muscle tremors/seizures/collapse

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| HEAT STROKE | |
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| Symptoms | What to do |
| Behaviours Excessive panting and/or Vomiting Muscle twitching | Get your pet to a vet or pet hospital as soon as possible. |
| Anxious or dazed appearance Weakness | While waiting for a ride: |
| Uncoordinated movements and muscle weakness (inability to stand/perch, or staggering) Difficulty urinating | DO NOT put pet in an ice bath – DO put lukewarm cloths or towels on back of their neck, on their head, and under their armpits. |
| Conditions Temperature of over 104 degree Increased drooling | DO put your pet in front of a fan |
| Gums that are pale or bluish Rapid or irregular heartbeat | DO get your pet out of sun as soon as possible. |
| Diarrhea/bloody stool, Black or tar-like stool For lizards and birds: Stiffness, discolored skin or tongue, rigidity, lethargy, and loss of appetite | |

HEAT EXHAUSTION/STRESS Symptoms What to do STOP, do not push your pet any Behaviours further. • Slowing down • Reluctance to walk or run, tiredness DO get your pet out of the sun and wanting to stop into the shade Looking for shade Seeking water to drink (puddles, hoses, taps) DO offer water to your pet **Excessively thirsty** • Grimacing DO use (lukewarm) water or wet • Anxiety towels to cool pet down • Dizziness/glazed eyes Lack of coordination/lack of balance DO put your pet in front of a fan. Attempting to stick head/nose out an open window • Take your pet to a vet or pet Conditions hospital if symptoms persist or get Rapid/excessive panting, difficulty breathing • worse. Drooling, thick or "ropy" saliva • • Body feels hot to the touch Bright red gums, dark tongue • • Low skin elasticity — an indication of dehydration