

DOG HEATSTROKE — EMERGENCY CARD

ACT NOW:

1. Straight into the shade / a cool room.
2. Cool fast with COOL/COLD water – NOT lukewarm:
 - young & healthy: cold-water immersion bath, large area
 - old / sick / pre-diseased: soak the coat to the skin + air flow
3. If possible measure rectally; stop cooling at 38–39 °C (don't overcool).
4. Offer water only to a responsive dog – never force it.
5. COOL FIRST, THEN DRIVE – to the vet as fast as possible!
 - Car: soak the coat + air flow – windows down, A/C on max

Own vet – name & phone

24-h clinic / emergency – phone

Veterinary out-of-hours service (night / weekend) – phone

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