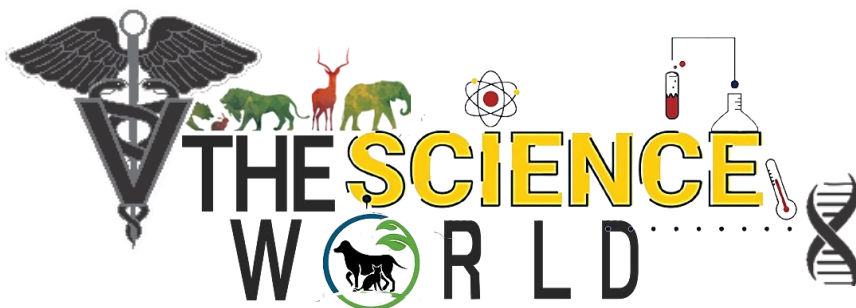




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Beat the Heat: A Dog owner's Guide to Survive the Heat Stroke

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Summer season means trip to beaches, icy cool drinks and deserts and a lot of Sunshine but for our furry friends this trip can become a trouble and could turn this over making it an emergency. These cute buddies rely totally on panting (mouth breathing) but when the environmental heat becomes too much for them, they can suffer from **Heat stroke**, a critical condition requiring immediate care.

Heat stroke usually happens when the pet's body temperature rises abnormally high above the normal level (**102.5°F**). Without proper care or intervention, it can lead to various severe body conditions like the multiple organ or brain failure.

So when you have a pet, to know about these very simple yet dangerous situations and how to tackle them is the most important skill you can have as a pet owner.

WHY DOES HEAT STROKE OCCURS?

As mentioned dogs mainly lose their body heat through panting, in summer conditions like:

- Excessive physical straining
- Being in a closed vehicle parked in open for a long time
- Lack of access to water or shade (**most common**)
- Overweight or obese or heavy hair coats
- Ongoing respiratory or heart disease

These conditions can trigger or cause the heat stroke in dogs.



SIGNS OF HEAT STROKE

Early signs: Excessive panting, Excessive salivation (drooling), Restlessness

Weakness.

Later stages : Dog may develop **Vomiting , Diarrhoea , uncoordinated movement, collapse or unconsciousness .**

WHAT TO DO IMMEDIATELY ? (EMERGENCY CARE)

Move the dog to shaded or well ventilated place Pour icy cool water over the head or all over the body.

- Place the pet in front of a fan any cooling device.
- Monitor body temperature every 15-20 minutes with a thermometer.
- Offer small amounts of water only if the pet is conscious. Don't force it.
- Seek veterinary care immediately.

Never Leave Them Alone All On Their Own. They Depend Totally On You Either Is It For Food, Love Or Even To Take Their Every Breath.

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