## ADVICE BEHAVIOUR

1 MIND THE HOT ASPHALT!

On hot days, be mindful that your pet's paws are sensitive and that the asphalt or the beach can get scorching hot. Try feeling the asphalt with the back of your hand to feel if it might be best to go for a walk sometime later in the day.

2 SPECIAL NEEDS FOR SPECIAL PETS

Short-snouted dogs like boxers or bulldogs, as well as elderly or sick pets, have an even harder time cooling down and should be kept indoors during the hottest hours of the day. 1, 2, 3 Don't trim your pets' fur too short as it acts as an insulator and protects them from the sun. Hairless breeds might need to wear pet-friendly sunscreen to protect their skin.

3 TIPS FOR THE HEAT

To cool down your pet, try using wet towels or cool mats. Contact our team if you see excessive signs of inactivity, moodiness, drooling, panting, or even reduced appetite<sup>2, 3</sup>. Your pet also needs regular exercise to help prevent anxiety and obesity, so schedule your walks for cooler hours or plan indoor activities to keep them entertained and active<sup>2, 3</sup>.

4 LOUD NOISES AND EXTREME WEATHER

Thunderstorms can elicit strong fear reactions in pets called 'storm phobias'<sup>4</sup>. If you spot these reactions, stay calm to avoid reinforcing unwanted behaviour. Pets can also become irritable during extreme weather events, so be mindful of interactions with strangers and children<sup>5, 6, 7</sup>.

PET BEHAVIOUR CAN BE COMPLEX. **ASK OUR TEAM IF IN DOUBT!** 



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