



The Heat is ON!

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We all know that summer means popsicles and sunscreen, but what does that mean for our pets?

The heat can take quite a toll on our four-legged friends. Just as we should stay cool and hydrated, it's important to make sure our pets are safe as well. A good rule of thumb is that if it's too hot for you, it's too hot for your pet.

- To keep your four-legged family members safe this summer, make sure to keep them in a cool, ventilated place with plenty of extra water.
- If your dog is outside on a hot day, make sure there is a shady spot for them to relax. A doghouse or crate can trap heat and does not make for a comfortable shelter during the summer. You should also take walks in the early mornings or evenings, to avoid the hottest times of the day.
- Garages are not a safe place for your pets, either. They can also trap heat and are filled with harmful items that your four legged friend can get into.
- Signs that your pet is overheated may include: heavy panting, rapid breathing, and excessive drooling. If you notice any of these signs, bring your pet inside to cool down. You can cool them off with icepacks or give them ice cubes to snack on. If symptoms should persist, call your local veterinarian.

At Balfour Beatty Communities, we hope that you, your family, and your four-legged family have a safe and relaxing summer!