

Keeping pets cool in the heat

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Local veterinarian Dr. Howard Johnson has some advice for pet-owners this week.

With record-breaking temperatures- dogs' bodies can't adapt, he says.

Maybe you should consider skipping out on that afternoon walk.

If you have to walk your dogs in this heat- do it in the early morning or evening hours when it's cooler- and remember to bring plenty of water.

Johnson says by the time you notice something's wrong, it may be too late.

Symptoms of heat stroke in dogs include excessive panting and collapse. Douse heat-stroked dogs with room temperature water, get them in the shade- then get them to a vet, he says.