

Hot Weather Tips for Felines

Avoid being a cat on a hot tin roof!



(May 14, 2008) — With an unseasonable heat wave approaching the Portland area, pet owners need to take precautions to keep their pets cool and safe.

Cats and dogs can suffer from the same hot-weather maladies that affect humans – dehydration, heat exhaustion, and sunburn.

Make your cat a cool kitty during this heat wave by:

- keeping cats inside where it's cooler
- making sure your screens are secure and have no holes a cat or kitten could escape from
- providing cool water for outdoor kitties and keep it fresh and clean
- leaving your cat at home inside when you run errands; pets left in cars can overheat and even die from the heat building up in a parked car
- brushing your cat often to remove excess fur shedding away during the heat
- keeping a collar with an ID tag on your cat at all times in case your cat escapes

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The Cat Adoption Team (CAT) is the Pacific Northwest's largest non-profit, feline-only shelter with its own full service veterinary hospital on site. CAT's mission is to work with the community to save the lives of homeless, sick and injured cats and kittens by offering shelter, adoption, foster, hospice, spay/neuter, and veterinary services to end needless feline euthanasia. CAT will find homes for over 3,200 felines this year. As a 501(c)(3) publicly-supported charity, CAT relies on the generous support of the public and volunteers.

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