

# HOW HOT IS TOO HOT?



# VETMEASURE'S SIDEWALK TALK

Summertime is when we all want to get outside and be active. Who wants to leave their furry friends inside during this time? There are situations where it may be best for them, however.

## CONCRETE

Concrete absorbs the temperature rather than reflecting it. This can cause it to stay warmer MUCH longer than the ambient temperature.

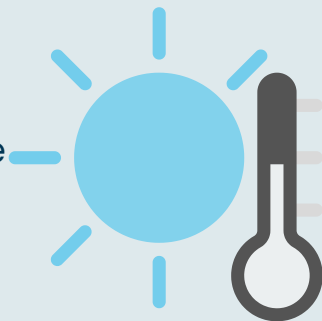


## 5 SECOND TEST

Remember that if you cannot hold the back of your hand on the sidewalk for more than 5 seconds it is unsafe for you to be walking your dog.

## OTHER SURFACES

Surfaces other than concrete are also hotter than the ambient temperatures around them. Knowing the differences in temperatures is the difference between a happy dog, and an injured one.



## KNOWING SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of a burn can vary on the severity of it. It only takes 60 seconds on a surface of 125 degrees or hotter to burn your pet's paw. Symptoms can include limping, redness, blisters, visible damage, and licking or chewing at the feet.

## TREATMENT

If your dog gets a burn on its paw, it is best to call your veterinarian straight away. This is because the severity of the burn isn't always seen right away.



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