

OUR GOAL

The Colony Animal Services strives to protect and nurture The City of The Colony's lost, homeless, abused, injured, and sick pets.

We seek to provide animals the opportunity to be reclaimed, adopted, rehabilitated, or rescued.

It is the mission for the Animal Service Officers and volunteers to pursue a positive synergy and to serve the citizens and pets of The Colony.



PROTECTION

Never leave your pet in a parked car, even with the windows cracked.

It takes only minutes for a dog or cat to suffer a heat stroke. Walking your dog can be a challenge in warmer months and ground temperatures can be far hotter than air temperatures in the summer, so do not take your dog out if you feel uncomfortable placing your hand on the ground for 10 seconds.

TOO HOT TO WALK

OUTSIDE TEMP (F°)	PAVEMENT TEMP (F°)
77°	125°
86°	135°
87°	143°

At 150° rapid burns & blistering start to occur.
Nerve damage is possible.

HEAT EXHAUSTION

According to Section 821 of the Texas Statute, it is illegal to restrain your dog during severe weather conditions.

This includes heat advisories, freezing temperatures, hurricanes, tropical storms, and tornado warnings.

Animals must have proper shade, shelter, food, and water. They are not allowed to be kept outside in extreme heat and when severe weather is occurring. They need to also have ample amount of space too move about; they cannot be stuck to one small spot. Please keep your babies inside if possible. These temperatures can get deadly quick.

Should you see a pet left alone in a parked car, please call 911.

HEAT EXHAUSTION SIGNS IN DOGS

- **Heavy panting** - The first sign of heat exhaustion is heavy panting. Since dogs are incapable of sweating, their only way to cool their internal temperature in through panting.
- **Pay Close attention to certain breeds** - Certain breeds with heavy coats (such as Shelties or Chow Chows) & other breeds with short snouts making it harder for them to breath (such as Boxers & Pugs) are much more susceptible to heat exhaustion & should be watched closely while in hot temperatures.
- **Weakness** - Dogs may experience weakness in extreme heat.
- **Disorientation** - You may notice that your dog is unaware of his/her surroundings while experiencing heat exhaustion.
- **Vomiting** - This may also occur during heat exhaustion.

HEAT STROKE SIGNS IN DOGS

- **Heavy panting** - This is also the first sign of heat stroke
- **Disorientation** - Another characteristic of heat stroke
- **Diarrhea** - This often occurs in the event of a heat stroke
- **Seizures and/or coma** - Another very serious symptom of heat stroke

TREATMENT

It is very important to spot the signs of heat exhaustion early before a heat stroke occurs, as heat strokes are often times fatal. Pet owners who observe serious signs of heat stroke or heat exhaustion should seek help from a veterinarian immediately. In the mean time, there are some things that can be done to cool down a dog displaying signs of heat exhaustion

- Provide plenty of water
- Keep the pet in a cool resting place
- Place a cool, wet towel around the dog's neck
- Ice packs may be placed on the dog's arm pit area or neck area.

COMMITMENT TO SAVING ANIMAL LIVES

Animal Services is committed to saving each animal that comes into our care. Over the last few years, we have improved our live release rate to 97%. We hold our standards high at keeping this percentage, and in doing so, we ask our rescue partners and citizens to help us pursue finding our animals forever homes.

DONATE

Every year, we get over a hundred injured and sick animals that need our help. For us to help them, we use our donated medical fund to give them the proper care and treatment they need. The only way for us to provide this needed medical care is through our generous financial donors. Every penny donated is sent to our medical fund. Please help us continue this much needed medical care for our animals by donating. Even if you cannot donate, it is a huge help to share posts on social media.



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Monday Closed



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