

Heat Stress in Animals

It is vital that animals have constant access to both water and shade as heat stress can develop extremely quickly in hot weather during summer.

RSPCA NSW and RSPCA supporters have offered the following 12 tips to help cool down pets this summer -

- Extra bowls of water (in case one is accidentally tipped over).
- Takeaway containers filled with beef/chicken stock, frozen overnight and given to outdoor animals.
- Ice cubes in water bowls. Be careful, some animals will avoid drinking the water if they are concerned about the floating ice cubes. A good alternative is to freeze half a water bowl the night before and top the remainder up with cool water when putting out.
- Extra shade areas in your backyard using shade cloths and shade umbrellas.
- Paddling pools (clams are especially popular) filled with water and under your supervision.
- NEVER leave dogs in cars, even with the windows down – dogs can't sweat; heat stress and death can occur within 6 minutes.
- Always walk your dog in the early morning or late evening to avoid the heat of the day.
- Ensure pets have easy access to shade and water throughout the day.
- Spray pet birds with a mist pump spray bottle (only if they like it!) or install a bird bath for supervised use.
- Cool a ceramic tile or oven pan in the fridge/freezer and put out for small dogs and cats to lie on.
- For pocket pets, little bags of ice wrapped in small, wet towels provides heat relief.
- Allow your outdoor animals to come inside the house and share the air conditioning or electric fan.

If you think your pet is suffering from heat stroke, please call an RSPCA veterinary hospital or your local veterinarian.



Caring For Dogs



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Caring for Your Dog

If you need more advice or would like to adopt a dog from the Narromine Pound you can contact the Council's Senior Ranger on (02) 6889 9999.

It is important when choosing a dog that you decide on a breed that is suitable to your lifestyle and home. If you are unsure as to what breed is suitable for you and your family speak with the Ranger for advice.

As a dog owner, it is your responsibility to make sure your dog is healthy, safe, well cared for and does not create a nuisance in your neighbourhood.

Ensure your dog has a collar with a tag showing your contact phone number. Unless you are planning to breed your dog, have it desexed to avoid unwanted litters.

Rules and Guidelines

- You must have control of your dog at all times. Even if you are in an off leash area, you must prevent it from harassing, attacking and chasing other people or animals
- Any attacks may result in a Dangerous Dog Declaration being placed on your dog & you may be liable for any damages
- All faeces must be picked up and placed in a waste bin
- Your dog must be wearing a collar with identification tags and be lifetime registered
- Declared Dangerous Dogs and Restricted Breeds must comply with the dangerous dog and restricted breed control requirements
- Any breach of these requirements could result in infringements being issued to owner and/or dog being impounded.

Barking Dog Complaints

If you have a complaint regarding your neighbour's dog barking the following steps are recommended:

- Approach the dog's owner and state your case clearly and politely, chances are they are unaware their dogs barking is bothering you
- If the owner is unapproachable or does not agree that a problem exists, you can contact Community Justice on 1800 650987, or email them on cjc_southern@agd.nsw.gov.au. This service is free, confidential and voluntary.
- If none of these methods work, contact Council's Senior Ranger on (02) 6889 9999

How does Council deal with Barking Dog Complaints?

Council takes the following steps after receiving a complaint about a barking dog:

- The owner is advised of the complaint and advice offered on how to curb the dogs barking
- If further complaints are received, a Noise Monitor Sheet will be sent to the complainant
- Once the sheet is returned to Council and shows the dogs barking is still at an unacceptable level, a Nuisance Order may be placed on the dog which stays in place for six months.
- Should the dog continue to bark, Rangers may issue a \$220 fine

Further non-compliance may see the owner of the dog prosecuted by the local court (a request for the removal of the dog from the property may be sought).

