

Heat Stroke continued

Aftercare

Dogs with moderate heatstroke often recover without complicating health problems. Severe heatstroke can cause organ damage that might need ongoing care such as a special diet prescribed by your veterinarian. Dogs who suffer from heatstroke once increase their risk for getting it again and steps must be taken to prevent it on hot, humid days.

Prevention

Any pet that cannot cool himself off is at risk for heatstroke. Following these guidelines can help prevent serious problems.

- Keep pets with predisposing conditions like heart disease, obesity, older age, or breathing problems cool and in the shade. Even normal activity for these pets can be harmful.
- Provide access to water at all times.
- Do not leave your pet in a hot parked car even if you're in the shade or will only be gone a short time. The temperature inside a parked car can quickly reach up to 140 degrees.
- Make sure outside dogs have access to shade.
- On a hot day, restrict exercise and don't take your dog jogging with you. Too much exercise when the weather is very hot can be dangerous.
- Do not muzzle your dog.
- Avoid places like the beach and especially concrete or asphalt areas where heat is reflected and there is no access to shade.
- Wetting down your dog with cool water or allowing him to swim can help maintain a normal body temperature. Move your dog to a cool area of the house. Air conditioning is one of the best ways to keep a dog cool, but is not always dependable. To provide a cooler environment, freeze water in soda bottles, or place ice and a small amount of water in several resealable food storage bags, then wrap them in a towel or tube sock. Place them on the floor for the dog to lay on.

This isn't related to a specific Sheltie but is to anyone who uses a groomer for their pet.

A 2 year old Golden Retriever died in a Petco grooming shop recently. Many groomers hang a dryer on the cage to dry the dog while she works on other dogs. Actually they are called cage dryers.

Why you had better KNOW your groomer. ASK HOW they dry the dogs- If it's not by hand- LEAVE!!!!!!

Allison Marks left her 2-year-old golden retriever, Colby, at a Petco store Friday for what she thought would be a routine grooming. When she called to ask about him, though, she was told to go to a nearby animal hospital. There she learned Colby had passed away.

Marks was told by the veterinarian that Colby had likely suffered a heat stroke after being left in a heated cage to dry.

"It sickens me that they could just let something like this happen," she said. "How could he not suffer? He was in a cage for God knows how long."

Marks said the vet explained to her that Colby's temperature was more than 105 degrees one hour after his death.



Kevin Benjamino, DVM, DACVS...our wonderful surgeon from AVS (see page 6) one of our favorite Vets.

One of my main reasons for starting this blog was to reach people who may be in need, in distress due to the current condition of their pet, or just plain curious about different disease mechanisms. I tried to address multiple surgical conditions in the dog and cat, **because** I am a surgeon and try to approach things in a calculated, methodical nature. My overall goal is to help people and pets.

I never in a million years thought I would be writing articles and/or blogs (some may wish I didn't). I do want to thank the following that I do have to this website. Writing and grammar, not arguably I'm sure, have never been my strong suit. If you wondered if I was a little off, you probably could have guessed – I am LEFT handed. Yes folks, I follow in the footsteps of some famous people: Michelangelo, Ty Cobb, and the list goes on. You would have thought that being left handed would have made me right brained and lean towards, the arts, writing, etc, however I don't and I am sure my high school English/grammar teacher would have a visceral, gut wrenching response to my writings (I am trying extra hard to paint a picture, just for her).

While I will continue writing posts about disease processes and various cases that are seen through the hospitals at Affiliated Veterinary Specialists, I would like to change focus from time to time, addressing topics that may surpass the practice of veterinary medicine and deviate into the emotional, communication, and management world. How many times have we found ourselves immersed in situations where we have been overwhelmed either with the medical condition of our pet or the declining medical condition of a loved one and thought "if only my doctor would listen to me, to my questions, and concerns"? At times we may feel like the tree falling in the middle of a dense forest – never heard or noticed. At times, we may be the doctor who is trying their best to communicate the gravity of a medical condition to a client or patient and don't know how to choose our words properly or are rushed by the overbooked schedule we allow. It is not that there is fault to be given, but is there a better way, can we teach ourselves to be a more articulate, caring professional? Can we manage our time better to be a more caring and compassionate professional; for that matter can we maximize our time both at work and at home? How many times do we feel drained emotionally when we come home and don't have enough compassion for the ones who are supposed to matter most to us? What is the bigger picture, can we "make out the forest through the trees"?

Obviously, there are a lot of topics to discuss and with time and diligence we will cover the big topics. I will try to pull from my own life lessons and the life lessons of others, both professionally and personally (and I will try to make them short and light if possible). As a professional, there are times I do my job well and there are certainly times that I could have communicated differently or acted differently for a more desired outcome. I do expect that some of my future topics will leave me open and vulnerable. I am always open to constructive criticism. For me this altered direction is about self improvement as well – ask my wife how well I separate work and home life, on second thought don't.

I will leave with this one thought (OK it will be a long thought, I am long-winded). I remember vividly January 1, 2000 sitting in the packed waiting room of a hospital emergency room, while my grandfather was being admitted for congestive heart failure. Being twenty-one years old and that it was New Year's Day, this wasn't exactly what I had in mind to say the least. I would have rather been home watching bowl games and celebrating the new year with my friends and family, however I learned a very important lesson that I have taken with me since that lonely day. It was just me in the waiting room filled with people waiting their turn, some in more serious condition than others (many nursing their New Year's Eve hangover). I can remember the scene like it was yesterday: an elderly man in a wheelchair came up to me and we exchanged the normal small talk and discussing the football games that were being played that day. He asked me where I went to school and what my plans were after school. My answer was well rehearsed, since I knew that I wanted to be a veterinarian from a very early age. I told him my current status of having applied to various veterinary schools when he abruptly stopped me and gave me this word of advice: ***"No matter what you do, if you are able to help people and animals ALWAYS treat that opportunity as a blessing and a privilege"***. It was obvious that he had his run in with the medical profession and I am sure he had both positive and negative experiences. He was right, I was blessed, I had my veterinary school interview at Ohio State University (where I would eventually attend) the day before my grandfather passed away – it was his dream that I go to veterinary school. That man, whom I do not know his name and can barely remember his face, touched a young man that day and it is my goal to impact others in a similar way.

Bragging RIGHTS Letters from our Readers (or the dogs!!)

Please send us stories about your sheltie(s) (or even the collie, border collie, newfie or mix you adopted from us) and their accomplishments or just something rather unique or silly that they do. We'd love photos of them as well. You can send the info to either Darla at DDuffy@aol.com or Samantha at Mantha1999@aol.com

An email from Debbie Morse who adopted the 4 month old Kody/Coby....

Darla:

So glad you answered. He is doing really good. He is an excited little guy but as he has grown I am seeing a wonderful boy under all that energy and anxiety. I have worked with him on his issues with sounds, especially beeping. It took a while, but he is just about over it. He has also stopped trying to chase cars while walking. I got a training slip lead and just the different feel on his neck was all it took. He is smart and very sensitive. You get a hundred times more from him with "good boy" than NO. He is very social. Has not met a stranger. He loves dogs and babies. He met my 16 mo. old granddaughter for the first time. She started throwing the ball to him. He brought it to her every time and was very gentle. She was squealing with delight and he was an angel. A very joyous moment. I am quite proud of him. It has been 4 months and he has grown so much. He loves to chew and loves fabrics in particular. I won't tell you how I know that. He is over 30 pds and very muscular. I believe he would love agility training and I am looking into that. I just moved to Marietta Ga with my son. He loves the lack of humidity. He has a bigger house and a bigger yard. I retired and I am now home full time. I do not know what made the first lady who got him at the pet shop give him up, but I am glad I found him. He is growing up to be a wonderful, crazy, maniac of a great sheltie! Hope all is well with you and your pack! Debbie

4-8-2015

Darla

Melissa and I are sad to inform you that Mandy lost her battle to lymphoma cancer a few weeks ago. As I think you know, it was first diagnosed in October. We decided to proceed with a chemotherapy and prednisone regimen and are very glad we did. She was able to enjoy five very healthy and happy months. We were told that the regimen would work great for a while and then stop working very suddenly. This is exactly what happened. So once the cancer reemerged, we knew we had to put her down. It was the only decision. The oncologist team here in Savannah was fabulous. Molly seems to be doing fine. We're sure she misses her sister, but she now gets all the attention, which I'm sure she likes. Thanks so much for bringing Mandy into our lives. She was a very sweet and cute dog.

Jim & Melissa

Rest in peace Mandy....
Maybe your daddy's post will help
Another family make a decision on
Using Cancer drugs or not.
Darla





Oliver Olecki
Sweet baby 3.5 with major allergies;
But found two angels who will care
for him forever.



Cooper Woolyhand, sweet 3 yr old,
36# big guy. Great new family.



Dante Sturey 6.5 yrs.
Another handful saved by an ex-
perienced owner.



Ruby Porter 4 yrs. Happily lives in St
Aug with a wonderful guy.



Kody/Coby. Morse, 4 mos
old...found wonderful home
for the exuberant baby.



Sassy Kirkman , 2 yrs. Another with
behavior problems. With help from
Mid Fla SR she is in a good place.

Still in our care..... forever we are guessing..

These because of their ages.

These because of their temperments !



Dakota 14



Duffy 13



Minnie 6

Here but not really adoptable.
Their temperments are really messed up. We consider them major flight risks.
They came together probably related, from a home in Alabama. Dumped at a
Vet's office and brought to us by a friend coming this way. Owner remarried and
new wife did not want the dogs.



Cooper 7

Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue thanks our vets for their care of all of our animals. We truly appreciate their kindness and professionalism.

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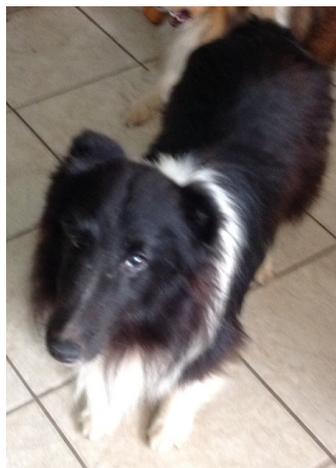
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Shelties Currently Available. June 2015



These are Bonnie & Clyde. Brother & sister raised together. They are 10 years old but act like youngsters. I want them to go together if possible. Bonnie is shy, Clyde is very outgoing and Bonnie feeds off of Clyde's emotions. If it's OKAY with Clyde, it's Okay with her. Very, very precious dogs.

Jojo
She is a 5 year old sable female. She has been spayed and had vaccines updated. She is a sweet girl who is on the vocal side. Likes other dogs, plays with toys, and is a fantastic companion.

DONATIONS

Thank you to all our contributors. All the kids in Rescue thank you too—for helping pay for their food, their medications, their vet visits. They send you their sheltie smiles! We send you our human ones, too. ;0) Jacksonville Sheltie Rescue would like to thank the lovely people who have answered our call for help !!!

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Peter Stuart (Pace, Fl) Skip, from JSR, Callie (rescued from an abusive home in Pensacola, B-Ray and Cricket (two of the Pennsylvania rescues through JSR) Boo, and Jake (Not from State Farm)

Dave & Marilyn Dahl now owned by Cindy—"CC" the monster AND Bella, the little Bi Black girl.

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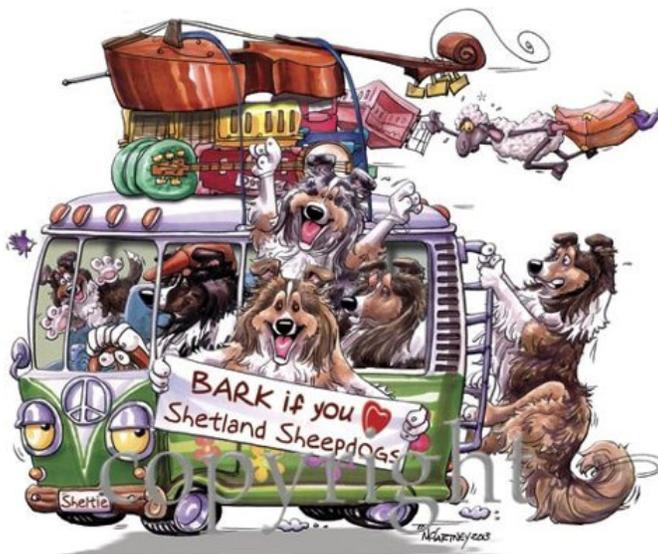
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