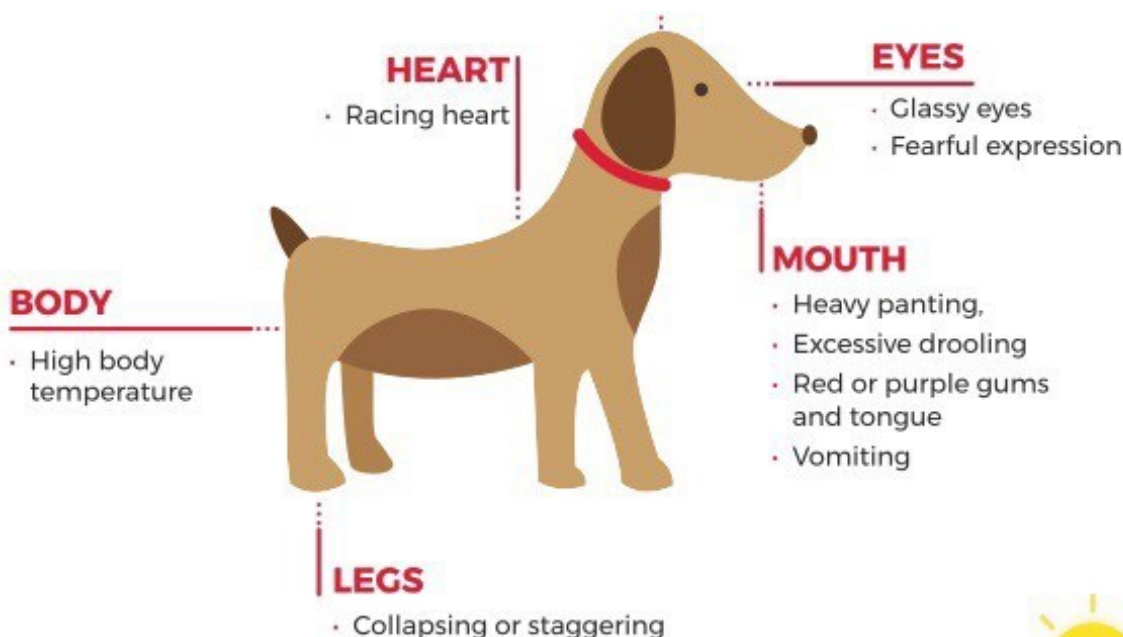




HEAT STROKE IN DOGS

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How to keep your dog cool on hot days

- Restrict exercise
- Never leave in car, hot room or sun trap
- Ensure drinking water and a cool, shaded spot is always available
- Walk early in the morning or later in the evening
- Spray with cool water

Steps to take if you're worried your dog has heat stroke

- Move somewhere cool
- Offer small amounts of tepid water
- Using wet towels, douse with cool (but never, ever cold) water
- Place in the breeze of a fan
- Contact your vet or, out of hours, your nearest Vets Now pet emergency clinic straight away

50%

Average survival rate of dogs diagnosed with heat stroke



2°C

This small increase in a dog's body temperature is all it takes for heat stroke to kick in



60

Amount of days it can take for dogs to acclimatise to temperature changes



38.5°C

Dog's normal body temperature



15

Minutes it can take for a dog to die of heat stroke

6°C

Average temperature white cars are cooler than black cars after being left in the sun for an hour



43°C

At this body temperature a dog's organs begin to fail