

Pet Talk

By Alice Scott

Many people have bought puppies this spring and summer. Now is the time to start them in obedience classes. I'll be having new obedience classes starting Tuesday August 29. Classes will possibly be in both Schreiber and Terrace Bay, depending on the amount of people interested. For more information call me at 824-2052.

We have had a scorching few weeks, and your pets will certainly

be feeling the change in the weather.

Heat stroke is an emergency situation that requires immediate recognition and prompt treatment.

Dogs do not tolerate high temperature as well as humans do. They depend upon rapid breathing to exchange warm air for cool air.

Accordingly, when air temperature is close to body temperature cooling by rapid breathing is not an efficient process.

Common situations which predispose to overheating or heat stroke in dogs are:

1. Being left in a car in hot weather, even with the window open.
2. Being confined on concrete runs; chained without shade in hot weather.

3. Being of a short-nosed breed, especially a bull-dog or pug.

4. Being muzzled while put under a dryer (this can happen in a grooming parlor).

5. Suffering from asthma or any other respiratory diseases.

Heat stroke begins with rapid, frantic, noisy breathing. The

tongue and mucus membranes are bright red, the saliva is thick and the dog frequently vomits.

His temperature is high, sometimes up to 106 degrees F. If the condition is allowed to go unchecked, coma and death ensue.

For mild cases, remove your dog to a cooler area, such as an air conditioned building or car.

If his temperature is over 104 degrees F call your vet immediately. He might advise you to immerse him in a tub of cold water.

Do not do this until you have talked to your vet. If you cannot reach your vet then you will have

no other choice but to follow these procedures.

A two hour drive to a vets office when the dog is in the process of heat stroke can prove fatal.

To prevent this from happening:

1. Do not expose dogs such as pugs, bulldogs etc... to prolonged heat.

2. Restrict exercise during the heat of the day in summer.

3. Crate a dog in a wire crate not an enclosed crate.

4. Provide shade and cool water to dogs living outdoors or in runs.



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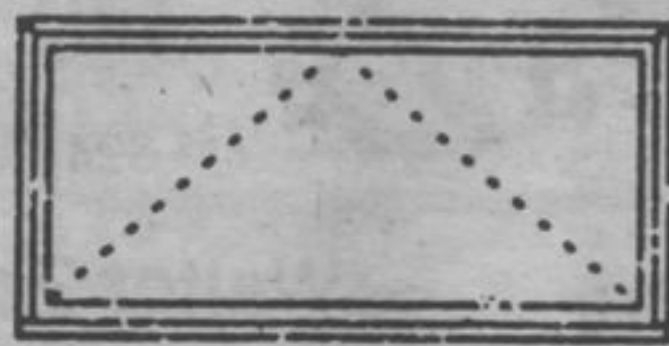
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