



Shorten your to-do list by taking dog walking off it with the help of a trusted dog walker to make your day smoother.

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Family Dog: Hot weather activities with your dog

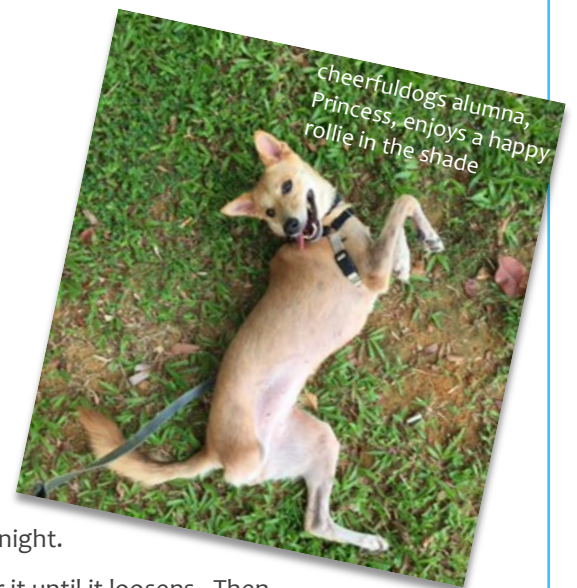
Hot days can make entertaining your dog a challenge. He wants to play outside; you want to stay close to the A/C. Here are some good warm-weather options:

Go when it's cooler. Take walks in the evening or in the early morning when temperatures are lower and the pavement is cool. Bring water and a collapsible water dish with you.

Make food interactive. Take a plastic container and fill it with half water, half low-sodium chicken broth. Throw in half your dog's kibble for the day, some carrots, and apple slices. Freeze the whole thing overnight.

The next day, shake the cube out of the container by running water over it until it loosens. Then

sit back and watch your dog work for his food for a good long time.



Dog Quotes

“My little dog — a heartbeat at my feet.”

– Edith Wharton

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... hot weather activities

Build a homemade mini agility course in the void deck or your backyard using hula-hoops, kids' play tunnels, mini pools, and whatever else you can think of. If your dog gets along comfortably with the children and vice versa, get the kids involved. Your dog and your kids will love it, and you get to enjoy how nice and tired everyone gets from all that fun.

(Don't forget: always supervise dog-and-child activities.)



Dog in the Spotlight: Yorkshire Terrier

The terrier ancestry is clearly present in the bold, quick, occasionally aloof Yorkie. Ironically, given today's often pampered, bejeweled dogs, the Yorkie hails from rugged Yorkshire in the North of England, and was originally used as a ratter. Silky hair and teeny stature fool some into thinking the Yorkie is more toy than dog. This is not true, of course. Yorkies require exercise, consistency, and size-appropriate dog-dog interactions to be happy and healthy. Actors Bruce Willis and Orlando Bloom have Yorkies, as do Simon Cowell and Steven Tyler.



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