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The Family Dog: Keeping Hot Dogs Cool

Sunny days are here and so is the heat. Whether your dog loves or loathes the warm weather, here are some ideas to help him keep his cool:

Frozen treats. No need to spend money on doggie ice cream when you can make it yourself. Simply mix fat-free plain yogurt, peanut butter, and a couple of crunched-up dog biscuits in a bowl. Pour the mixture into an ice cube tray, freeze, and voila! A frozen snack. You can also stuff this mixture into a Kong or interactive toy and freeze for longer-lasting cool fun.

Pool time. No pool? Don't let that stop you from giving your dog a refreshing place to lie during a hot day.



Dog in the Spotlight: German Wirehaired Pointer

Olympic-class athlete, best friend through thickets and thistles, hunter extraordinaire — the German Wirehaired Pointer is a dog of many distinctions. This exercise junkie needs vigorous daily mental and physical stimulation to thrive. An all-weather, off-road, multipurpose pooch, he can hunt, point, track, retrieve, swim, jump — you name it, he's got the skills, and he's never happier than when he has a job to do. You can tell the GWP by his coarse wire coat, webbed feet, and signature shaggy beard and eyebrows. His quizzical, worldly expression is hard to resist, and the GWP, along with his close relative the German Shorthaired Pointer, can be found in hunting artwork throughout Europe from the late 1800s and on.



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A kiddie pool with a quarter to half centimetre of water provides welcome relief to hot dogs. Encourage your dog to get in by tossing in treats or toys. As he gets more comfortable, gradually increase the amount of water.

Cooling mats and collars. A variety of cooling mats and collars are available on the market now to help your dog keep his temperature down during the hot months. Use as needed, but remember: always speak with your veterinarian about your dog's heat tolerance if he seems uncomfortable.



Did You Know: Nose Jobs?

1. **Land mine detection.** Dogs' sensitive olfactory receptors can pinpoint mines one centimetre underground or more. Mine detection dogs prevent thousands of deaths and injuries around the world every year.
2. **Scat sniffing.** Dogs help wildlife researchers by locating scat from endangered species.
3. **Termite detection.** Beagles and Labs are the exterminator's (and homeowner's) best friends. The dogs identify infestations in the hidden crawl spaces of houses that show no outward signs of termites.
4. **Truffle sniffing.** Why have dogs replaced pigs as the favorite tracking animal of Italy's truffle hunters? Pigs tend to eat what they find. Dogs settle for a biscuit.
5. **Illness detection.** Dogs have been trained to help medics sniff out cancer in patients, or monitor blood sugar levels in diabetics. Research at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine looked to apply the practice to detect COVID-19.



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