

Summer Weather and Dogs

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“This article is critically important. One of the really good young sire’s in Germany was just lost to heat stroke during a boar hunt. Don’t let this tragedy happen to your partner.” FO’L



Your dog won't quit. That's what you love about him. But hot weather can kill or cripple him for life, so be extra observant.

If he stumbles frequently, lags or walks at heel, constantly searches for shade, digs shallow holes to lie in, or his tongue or gums are dark red, get him to a cool spot immediately. Wet him down if you can, but don't immerse him in cold water. Even a car with the air conditioning on is better than nothing.

Be safe. Get up early, work near clean water, and give your dog the afternoon off if you have to.

See you - and your dog - in the field soon,

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