

What's hot and what's not

Your dog walking temperature guide

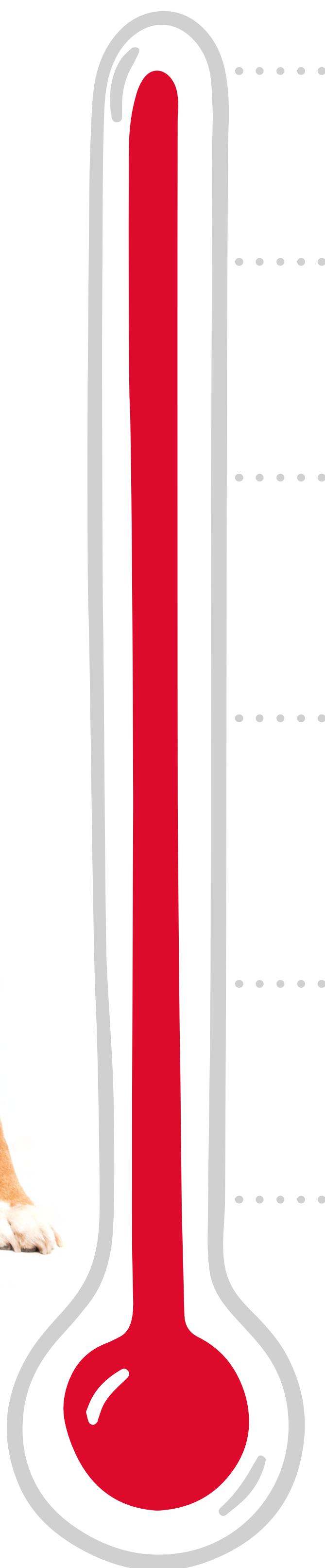


Heat stroke kills dogs

Every year our emergency vets treat hundreds of heat stroke cases and, heartbreakingly, some end in tragedy. Many are a result of owners exercising their dogs between 8am and 8pm when temperatures can be at their peak.

Heat-related illnesses are almost always preventable, but it's critical to know when dogs are at risk.

Our handy guide shows when it's safe for your dog outside.



32°C+

Heat stroke is a major risk regardless of condition, size or breed.

28-31°C

Dangerous for all, but life-threatening for larger breeds and puppies as well as dogs who are flat-faced or obese.

24-27°C

Extreme caution should be taken as most dogs, particularly those who are large, obese, flat-faced and very young, will find these temperatures very uncomfortable.

20-23°C

Even at this temperature dogs are at risk of getting heat stroke if exercised too rigorously, or suffering from an underlying condition such as obesity or breathing difficulties.

16-19°C

Generally safe to exercise dogs at all times of day, although keep a close eye on large, obese and flat-faced breeds.

12-15°C

No evidence of heat stroke risk so enjoy your walk.



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