

Keep your pets cool this summer

LANCASTER — Hot weather can be difficult for dogs and cats. To avoid sunburn and more seriously, heat stroke, give your pet a cool, shady spot and plenty of fresh water.

Exercise your pet in the early morning or the evening rather than at midday. Hot sidewalks can burn a pet's tender footpads, and too much exercise when it's hot can put a strain on the pet's ability to get rid of excess body heat.

Confining a pet in a parked car can be very dangerous, but if you must do it, make sure you're parked in the shade and open all windows as far as you can without permitting the animal's escape. Even with these precautions it is necessary to check the animal every few minutes for signs of heat distress.

The worst heat-related problem that could befall your pet is heat stroke, which can be fatal if not treated immediately by a

veterinarian. Signs include panting and salivating, a rapid pulse rate, a wide-eyed, anxious expression, fever, vomiting, and dizziness or fainting.

If your pet seems to be suffering from heat stroke, get it into the shade and spray it or immerse it up to its neck in cool — not ice cold — water. Also massage the animal to keep up circulation. Contact your veterinarian immediately for further instructions.

Meckley says it is not a good idea to give a dog or cat a shorter-thannormal summertime haircut, since an animal's coat insulates against the heat as well as the cold. Animals normally shed during hot weather, so regular brushing keeps them well groomed and also helps you spot fleas and ticks.

Keep your animals comfortable and healthy this summer by paying attention to their special summertime needs.



Looking for an unusual pet?



Then look no further. Wouldn't you like one of these furry, little creatures in your house? Before you read any more, guess what these little animals are...Well, we tricked you because they aren't living creatures. They are "squiggles" a new product offered to sheep breeders by The Shepherds Hut, a commercial exhibitor at the Pennsylvania Field Day recently. These little furries are all female, we were informed.



- 1. BLACK 6. PEACH
 2. RED 7. GREEN
 3. YELLOW 8. LT.BROWN
 4. BLUE 9. LT.BLUE
 5. BROWN 10. LT.GREEN
- WYOMING IS FROM THE INDIAN WORDS MEANING
 "LARGE PLAINS". THE FIRST WHITE SETTLEMENT IN WYOMING WAS A FUR TRADING POST IN LARAMIE IN 1834. OIL IS THE BIGGEST STATE INDUSTRY. WYOMING WAS THE FIRST UNITED STATES TERRITORY IN WHICH WOMEN WERE ALLOWED TO VOTE.

 IN 1890, WYOMING BECAME THE 44th. STATE.

