

## WHAT TO DO IN A HEAT EMERGENCY FOR YOUR ANIMALS

This advice is for the Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana citizens who are experiencing a heat wave or heat emergency and have animal questions:

If it is too hot for you and the family **IT IS TOO HOT FOR YOUR ANIMALS!** They feel exactly what we do and can die from dehydration and heat stroke.

Listen to your weather station and if it warns about the heat, it also affects our pets. **Bring them inside if at all possible.** If you cannot do that, provide shade and abundant cool water, and check on them throughout the day.

If your animal is weak, vomiting, shaking or unconscious take it to your veterinarian immediately. Place cool rags (not cold) under its arm pit and then onto its stomach until you reach the clinic.

If the family needs to leave the home due to the weather, take your pets with you. If you need to kennel the animal, and if you cannot afford to pay for that stay, can go to [www.uan.org](http://www.uan.org) and apply for the individual life crisis grant money to help pay for the kenneling of the pet. They can also go to the Internet to find a list of pet friendly hotels. Here are 2 websites to help people find pet friendly hotels: [www.1clickpethotels.com](http://www.1clickpethotels.com) and [www.pethotels.com](http://www.pethotels.com). There are other helpful links on the CART website [www.TriStateCART.com](http://www.TriStateCART.com).

The national animal organizations, like United Animal Nations, HSUS, American Humane, and ASPCA may be called upon by the emergency manager to help set up, staff and run temporary animal shelters as close to the Red Cross shelters as possible.

For more information about service animals and pets during a disaster, go to [www.TriStateCART.com](http://www.TriStateCART.com) or call 513-702-8373.

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