

HEAT STRESS *and* Wildlife

Heat stress (hyperthermia) is distressing and painful for wildlife and it can be fatal. Dehydration can cause organ damage and hot surfaces burn feet and paws. A vet or wildlife carer is needed for heat stressed animals showing the following signs:

1. Nocturnal animals out during the day.
2. Arboreal (tree dwelling) animals found on the ground.
3. Animals displaying any loss of balance, seizures or confusion.

What can you do?

1. Pick up the animal in a towel and place into a well ventilated box or pet carrier.
2. Do NOT subject the animal to any rapid changes in temperature - they should be cooled slowly.
3. Reduce the animal's stress by keeping noise down and children and pets away.
4. Water can be provided in a bowl but do NOT offer any food.
5. If you do take the animal to a vet or wildlife carer be sure to leave the EXACT ADDRESS/LOCATION you picked up the animal from so it can be returned to it's territory once recovered.



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